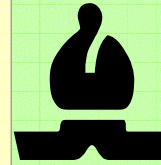
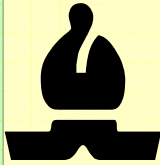


Hamden Middle School Chess Program



8 Weeks beginning Thursday Dec 13, 2:30 – 3:30pm
At Hamden Middle School, Hamden, CT
Dates: Dec 13, 20, Jan 3, 10, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14

Why should students play Chess?

Chess is a fascinating game, which can be played and enjoyed at all levels. Educational research indicates evidence of a strong positive correlation between chess and student academic performance. Multiple studies have shown that learning chess throughout the school years improves competence in mathematics and other cognitive development. The practical application of the skills learned while playing chess are the same skills necessary for academic excellence and lifelong success:

- *Concentration*
- *Critical Thinking*
- *Problem Solving*
- *Strategic Planning*
- *Creativity*
- *Pattern Recognition*
- *Analysis*
- *Evaluation*
- *Competition*
- *Good Sportsmanship*
- *Fun!*
- *Good Decision-making !!!*

Beginners Level Program: How to set up the board and move the pieces, How to Capture, How to Read and Write Chess Notation, Opening Principles, Elementary Tactics and Strategy, How to Checkmate.

Intermediate Level Program: Opening Principles, Space, Time, Positional Play, Tactics and Combinations, Strategy, How to Analyze a Position, Opening Repertoire.

About the instructors: Instructors are assistant coaches of the West Haven High School State and New England Championship team. The Program will be guided by a USCF Certified Chess Coach and Tournament Director, Jim Celone, Yale BA '83, MS '01. At West Haven High School, Mr. Celone teaches math and chess, coaches their 9-time state championship, and 2005 New England Championship Renegade Knights chess team and runs fifteen local elementary school chess programs in the Greater New Haven area. He was honored as 2002 CT Chess Coach of the Year.

Students should be picked up promptly by 3:30 in the cafeteria. Questions? Call Debra Scandone 606-3755
Any child exhibiting impolite or disruptive behavior will be dropped from the program.
For more info on tournaments and other programs visit www.edutechchess.com



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