

# **VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL**

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



## Maxim Doroshenko

Director of Vancouver Chess School

Our school's mission is to provide professional chess education of the highest quality for students of all age groups and chess levels. As Director of the Vancouver Chess School, it is my honour to be a part of BC chess community and to contribute to the growth, development and success of our young chess players. With a large but carefully chosen selection of exceptional coaches with extensive chess background and skill, we have been able to generate in just a few short years many regional, provincial and even national champions.

In just under three and a half years we have increased our chess community to over 300 students, many of whom are consistently successful on the regional, provincial and national stage, and all of whom are consistently improving their chess. To accommodate increasing demand for classes in all regions of Greater Vancouver, we have expanded to include four locations in Burnaby, Coquitlam, Richmond, and of course the main branch on Arbutus Street in Vancouver. These additional locations offer weekend classes taught by the same coaches as in Vancouver and taught with identical lesson material as we use at the main branch on Arbutus.

With regards to expanding locations, it is my pleasure to announce to you that starting January 2016, the Vancouver Chess School will be offering classes in 3 community centers throughout Vancouver. Just like with the existing branches, although the location is different, the coaching quality and classroom content is just as high and identical to what is offered in Vancouver. I hope that

a greater selection of location will facilitate commute for many students and will allow our school and BC Junior chess to continue to grow.

Not only do we take pride in the quality of our weekly classes, but to support our belief that tournament experience is fundamental to the growth of any chess player, the chess school alone organizes over 150 tournaments per year, including our very popular weekly quads. In addition to these, this fall I have introduced the National Training Program, designed to assist both advanced players in achieving competitive results and beginning players in becoming familiar with tournament play. With all this in mind, our custom designed computer software compiles each student's both practical and academic results in one place on their personal VCS account for an easy view and appreciation of progress.

Finally, I would like to thank all students for their continued perseverance, hard work and dedication to chess, and all the parents for their continued support of their children's chess improvement. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy New Year, and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

See you all in the New Year!

Maxim Doroshenko

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

## SOPHIA YU

My name is Sophia, 7 years old. I started to know something about chess when I was 6 last year. My parents registered my first chess program at community center. After that program, I can beat all the classmates even most of them are higher grades than me. Then I found that I really wanted to improve chess skills, so I came to Vancouver chess school and began the regular training since December 2014.

At VCS I met the principal Maxim who made my first assessment, he showed me the funny world of Chess. I started to know many great, brilliant tactics. I really love chess because it is wonderful and awesome. Chess not only gives me so much fun, but also let me know many teachers and make many friends. I like all the teachers helping me improve my skills like Maxim, Gyan, Slaven, Joanne..... They are amazing. Thanks for their good jobs.

My goal for chess this year is trying to raise my rating up over 1200, then I can join the open section of Monthly Active for higher level competition. I also hope to win myself regional, national Championships in coming future.



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



## ETHAN SONG

We gave Ethan a set of animals' chess as a toy to play when he was five. He had shown strong interest in it and soon beaten his grandparents. We felt that he might have some potential in chess and luckily we found Vancouver Chess School. Ethan was so excited to attend each lesson and so eager to do his homework. He loves doing exercises, solving chess puzzles and playing chess games with computer.

We noticed that chess is an excellent sport to help Ethan grow not only academically but also emotionally. Ethan learns to follow the rules and control himself better and thinks longer and deeper. He is more confident and becomes more focused not only on chess but also on his other learning activities. Ethan lost many games but he did not feel frustrated. We told him the story of The Tortoise and The Hare to encourage him. Loss is temporary as long as he can

learn from his mistake and is persistent in his hard work. He should treat each game seriously regardless who is his opponent. There would be no regret as long as he had tried his best.

We feel sincerely grateful to Joanne, Jeremy, and Maxim who taught Ethan chess and encouraged him during his chess study. Ethan is lucky to have these good teachers to help him. We also feel thankful to Vivien who had taught us, as parents, how to support Ethan to grow in chess. There is still a long way to go for Ethan to become a really good chess player. As parents, we hope chess could become Ethan's expertise and long lasting enjoyment.

At last, we would like to share a comment about chess from Ethan's sister. One day, she said: "Never look down upon a pawn, because every little pawn has a big dream!"

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



## **BORNA AMJADI**

My name is Borna Amjadi and I am in grade 4. I have been playing chess since grade 1 when my dad thought me how to play. Since then I played in our school's chess club and with West Coast junior chess. But

as I became better, I was not challenged anymore until we discovered Vancouver Chess School in March 2015. I started taking classes since then and joining quads and tournaments and as the result my chess has improved dramatically and my rating has doubled.

If I was allowed Chess would be the only thing I would do beside school. My favourite part of playing chess is participating in tournaments and playing many rounds. I love it when I do well and receive trophies but it is still fun even if I don't win.

Beside chess, I also play soccer, play piano and enjoy scouts. I do have to say though that out of all of my activities I love chess the most, and between my classes, quads and tournaments I usually spend 2-3 days a week playing chess.

My goal is to one day become a chess grandmaster.

# HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

## HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Beginning in January 2016, this is a highly selective class that admits students by application only. This group is specifically geared towards rapidly improving the skills of the most hard-working, most promising and most dedicated students at our school. Through longer classes, increased homework and a more committed and competitive classroom environment, this group aims to achieve high results very quickly. In order to maintain the quality of the class, students are carefully selected on a range of criteria, and new applicants must meet these criteria as well. The criterion is intended to be clear and objective, and admission to this group is

based solely on past results and dedication to chess, most certainly not on a favouritism basis. The admission criterion is as follows:

### **Rating**

The applicant's rating must be within the rating range of the top 5 students already in the group

### **Homework**

Completion must consistently be 100%

### **Behaviour**

Any behavioural issues will not be acceptable

### **Commitment**

The applicant must consistently participate in the minimum number of monthly required tournaments

Please note that upon acceptance, failure to maintain these admission criteria may result in the student no longer being admissible to this group.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this advanced, competitive and result-oriented class, please contact us with an application.

# WALL OF FAME

## WALL OF FAME

We are very proud to announce we have a new online feature available to all of our students called the Wall of Fame. Students are automatically awarded 'diamonds' when they achieve strong results in the following categories:

### 1. Class performance

Students will be awarded a diamond for every class in which they achieve five stars. Up to three stars are awarded based on homework completion, and the remaining two are awarded at the coach's discretion for class participation and performance.

### 2. Group Tournaments

Students will be awarded a diamond for every in-class tournament in which they score 100%. These include blitz and rapid tournaments completed during the weekly class time.

### 3. Tournaments - weekly events






Students will be awarded a diamond for every in-class tournament in which they score 100%. These include Vancouver Friday Quads and Coquitlam and Burnaby Saturday Quads.

### 4. Final & Interim Tests & Chess Mentor Exercises

Students will be awarded a diamond for every test in which they score 75% or higher. These refer to the tests assigned upon completion of each level (term) that are necessary to reach to next level.

The main goal of this Wall of Fame is to further motivate the students to continue to put in their maximum effort both in their learning and in their games. It can be found on their VCS accounts, in between My Rating and Play vs. Computer.

#### WALL OF FAME

CLASS PERFORMANCE (5 STARS)	
GROUP TOURNAMENTS (100%)	
TOURNAMENTS: WEEKLY EVENTS (100%)	
TESTS (75%)	
CHESS MENTOR EXERCISES (75%)	
INTERIM TESTS (75%)	



# 'THE DIAMOND STANDARD OF VCS'



## 'THE DIAMOND STANDARD OF VCS'

Using our new 'diamonds' on the new Wall of Fame feature, we are awarding for the first time a special mention and a prize to the top three students of the school based on this feature. As a greater incentive to the students to continue to excel in the classroom and in tournaments, this will be the first of an annual tradition, to be featured in each year's Christmas bulletin.

We are proud to present the top three

students of the year thus far with a special Christmas gift to reward them for their hard work and thank them for their continuing dedication to chess. These three students are currently the leaders for the most diamonds on their wall of fame, through excellence in class, in tournaments and in online tests and exercises.

Congratulations to **Sherry Tian, Ethan Low** and **Kevin Low!**

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



## SEPTEMBER 13TH ACTIVE BY JOE ROBACK

This month's active marked the return of Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj. Davaa won the guaranteed \$250 prize, conceding but a single draw. The masterful Mongolian surprised me with a French Defence in the final round. It looks like he can open with pretty much anything. Some notable results occurred from rook-level students Ethan Low and James Li who split the U1900 prize for \$90 each. Both are improving rapidly. Ethan is becoming quite proficient in his favourite Sicilian line as White. Dylan Fox and Ping Yu split the U1500 prize for \$50 each.



In the Junior Section Jason Qian won the first place trophy, conceding a single draw against classmate Andrew Qu of West Vancouver. Anna Van, who competed in the Langley Open this month, renewed her trophy-level performance for second place. Finally, the underrated Ryan Wang earned the third place trophy on tie-breaks. There were a number of medalists this month: Andrew Xu, Angelina Yang, Bruce Zhang, Johnny Li, Sophia Yu, Eric Jiang, Bill Wang, Terry Xu, Ryan Yang, Jacky Tang, Codrin Pompas, Brian Shao, Ethan Song, and Liam Fergusson.

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## VANCOUVER WEST OPEN #7 (SEPTEMBER 26-27) BY JOE ROBACK

This month's West Vancouver Open was greeted by International Master Raymond Kaufman (2316 CFC). He won the guaranteed \$600 prize conceding, a single draw in the 5th round. This was Raymond's fourth tournament in BC: he placed clear second in the 2013 Keres and narrowly missed winning the Langley Open earlier this month. Raymond is the son of Grandmaster Larry Kaufman who is a celebrated author. It is always fun to see strong travelling players and we hope to see you again soon, Raymond.

The U1900 prize of the open section was awarded to VCS's highest rated student Kevin Low with 4.5 points. Ryan Leong earned the U1700 prize for \$100. Don't spend it all on candy, kids!



Connor Chai won the first place trophy and a lot of rating points for his perfect 6.0/6 result in the Junior 2-day event. Congratulations to our remaining trophy winners listed in order: Sherry Tian, Angelina Yang, Jenny Jiang, Jim Jiang, and medalist Samuel Taplin.

Our 1-day Junior section featured the eighteen kids and offered three trophies and a medal for any performance over 2.0. Veronica Guo and Johnny Zhou tied for 4 points out of 5. Veronica won on tie-breaks for the first place trophy and Johnny earned the second place trophy. Terry "Zhiren" Xu won the third place trophy on tiebreaks. The following players received medals for their performance: Vincent Guo, Jason Chen, Eric Zhang, Stanley Jiang, Pavni Santosh Lebade, Ray Zhang, Alvin Li, Kevin Liu, Baiobiaoboyong Guo, Matthew Ji, and Brian Shao. Standings

Finally, rather than focusing on the drawn games from the titled masters, I thought I'd annotate an up-and-coming player who caught me off guard with a drawing resource. He also displayed excellent etiquette and over-the-board manner.

Final Standings <https://vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/713>



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



## NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM, OCTOBER 18TH & NOVEMBER 22ND

New to the chess school this school year, our National Training Program aims to not only prepare advanced students for high level provincial and national championship success, but to equip younger and beginning players with the necessary tournament skills to begin playing lower-level tournaments as well.

One of the greatest benefits to the students of this program is the intensive homework they will receive as practice to be completed online. With topics of varying level ranging from basic checkmate in 1 tactics to advanced Mastering Exchange Sacrifice concepts, the material offered during and after the workshops is expected to greatly help players of all strength improve many aspects of their games. Not only do participants spend lots of time learning and studying new ideas, they also get the chance to play games of tournament time controls and receive tournament tips from the coaches. The workshops also occasionally include a fun blitz or bughouse tournament to wind up the day.

Our first workshop saw a high turnout of 47 players, while our second hosted 34 players. It is not a progressive program, and students can sign up without having attended previous workshops. Our next workshop is a three day Christmas camp on Dec 19-21. Players also have the option to attend for single days only.

For more information or to sign up, visit our website: [http://vanchess.ca/events?events\[0\]=16](http://vanchess.ca/events?events[0]=16)

## OCTOBER 4TH ACTIVE BY JOE ROBACK

It was business as usual for Mayo Fuentebella, who racked up yet another first prize in an active event with a perfect 6.0/6 score. Second was the only other player over 2000, Brian McLaren, while Maven Zheng and Jofrel Landingin tied for third. Top U1500 was Kai Wang, Brandon Zhu came second and third place was split between Ping Yu and Brian Butchart. In the junior active Jerry Wang, Angelina Yang, and Bruce Zheng, while medals were won by (deep breath) Bill Wang, Matthew He, Veronica Guo, Andrew Xu, Jim Jiang, Terry Xu, Jenny Jiang, Vincent Guo, Stanley Jiang, Jacky Tang, Emily Warman, and Justin Zhao. A total of thirty-eight players participated in the two sections.

Final Standings <https://vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/698>



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



## 2015 WORLD YOUTH & CADETS CHAMPIONSHIPS (WYCC)

November saw the annual WYCC take place in the Porto Carras Resort in Halkidiki, Greece, for the second time (this hotel had hosted the WYCC in 2010 as well). This year was a particularly important milestone for the WYCC as it is the last year all the age groups will play together. Beginning next year, there will be one WYCC for the younger players in one city, and another WYCC for older players in another city.

VCS had several students and coaches participate in this event, and despite the extremely difficult competition on the largest stage these players had ever experienced, an event

with almost 1700 kids from around the world, many VCS players managed to show strong results. With CM Kevin Low leading the group with an excellent 6/11 points, VCS also comprised of Veronica Guo, Andrew Xu, Sherry Tian, Anna Van, Dylan Fox, and coaches Alex Sabaratnam and Joanne Foote. As well as a very high level of chess, these players were also able to appreciate Greek culture, meet other players, enjoy strong tournament organization and gain an experience to last them a lifetime. We hope to see more and more VCS players capable of playing in such prestigious tournaments in the future!

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## NOVEMBER 1ST ACTIVE BY JOE ROBACK

This month's tournament gathered a respectable forty-six players, perhaps due to the surprise appearance of Russian FM Grigoriy Morozov (2379 FIDE). Thanks for registering several days early, Grigoriy! He is pictured in the middle with local favourite, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj; they tied for first with 5.5/6. Class prizes winners for the Open Section this month were Jofrel Landingin, Victor Zheng, Alec Chung, Boya Yang, Daniel Wang, Lucian Wu, and Kai Wang.



In the Junior Section there was a four-way tie with 4.0/5 points in order of computer tiebreaks: Jemelyn Reyes, Sophia Yu, Jerry Wang, and Borna Amjadi. The following juniors earned medals for their performance of 2.0 points or above: Patrick Wang, Bill Wang, Jenny Jiang, Nicholas Yang, Matthew He, Jacob McBride, Ryan Yang, Vincent Guo, Ethan Song, Jeremy Reyes, Jocelyn Reyes, and Jacky Tang.

Final Standings <https://vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/699>

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## VANCOUVER WEST OPEN #8 (NOVEMBER 14-15)

As with the previous events in this series there were three sections: a two-day Open for adults and stronger juniors, a two-day Junior Open, and a one-day Junior Open. Both the two-day sections consisted of six games played at the time control of one hour per player (50 minutes with a 10-second increment), the minimum necessary for regular rating; the one-day section was five games at 25 minutes with a 5-second increment. The two-day Open attracted just fifteen players but made up for this in terms of strength: this was the first event in the series to include two titled players (IM Raymond Kaufman, FM Grigoriy Morozov). They were challenged by two of the usual suspects, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj and Joe Roback. Morozov was highest rated and translated this into first place, although he lost his first game in B.C. competition to Joe Roback in round three. Joe tied with Davaa for second place while Kaufman had an off-day, drawing with Joe and Davaa and losing to Grigoriy. Matthew Ehrenreich, Kai Wang, and Chuyang Chu tied for the U1600 Prizes.

The ten-player two-day Junior Open was dominated by Connor Chai and Agata Seyfi who finished first and second respectively in the standings, although Agata should have beaten Connor in their individual game. Other trophy winners were Samuel Taplin, Jason Qian, and Daniel Wang, while Henry Yang and Ciro Zhang won medals. In the one-day Junior Open Jeremy Liang, Terry Xu, and Zoe Liu took home the trophies and Brian Shao, Antonia Bonnis, Jacky Tang, Michael Chen, Benjamin Ruan, Owen Huang, Codrin Pompas, Sreeja Veeraghanta, and Anais Bonnis were awarded medals.

Final Standings <https://vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/732>,  
<https://vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/761>



## B.C. CHESS CHALLENGE QUALIFIER - REGIONAL #1

A qualifier to the annual BC Chess Challenge, which itself is a precursor to the annual Canadian Chess Challenge, this first preliminary event drew dozens of players from both within VCS and outside of it. Not only did the players get to experience a high quality of play and a competitive environment, they also had the chance during lunch and between rounds to make new friends and meet other chess players.

Five rounds of tough, fighting chess produced new champions for all grades, except grade 9 for which there were no registrations. VCS students showed a very strong final result with 7 gold medalists, 7 silver medalists and 4 bronze medalists. However, all students who scored 2.5/5 points or higher qualify to compete in the BC Chess Challenge to be held in February 2016.

To see all the results and check your final score, please go to <https://www.vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/822>.

Stay tuned for our next Regional/Provincial championships on Jan 17, Feb 14 & Feb 21  
[http://vanchess.ca/events?events\[0\]=9](http://vanchess.ca/events?events[0]=9)

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



**Gr 1:** Ethan Song

**Gr 3:** Andrew Xu

**Gr 11:** Tony Cheng

**Gr 7:** Ethan Low

**Gr 8:** Dylan Fox

**Gr 5:** Kevin Low

**Gr 4:** Elvin Sun



Ethan Song



Ethan Low



Andrew Xu



Dylan Fox



Elvin Sun



Tony Cheng



Kevin Low



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



**Gr 1:** Ryan Yang

**Gr 4:** Lucian Wu

**Gr 6:** Daniel Du

**Gr 10:** James Li

**Gr 5:** Andy Zhang



Ryan Yang



James L



Lucian Wu



Andy Zhang



Daniel Du

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS



**Gr 1:** Brian Shao

**Gr 2:** Jason Chen

**Gr 4:** Borna Amjadi

**Gr 10:** Daniel Chen



Brian Shao



Jason Chen



Borna Amjadi



Daniel Chen

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## FRIDAY QUADS WINNERS VANCOUVER

# QUAD/DATE	NOV-6-2015	NOV-13-2015	NOV-20-2015	NOV-27-2015
Quad #1	<b>Daniel Wang</b>	James Yao	Sherry Tian	<b>Jason Shao</b>
Quad #2	<b>Matthew Yang</b>	Raymond Yao	Jason Qian	<b>David Yuan</b>
Quad #3	Ryan Yang	Jason Chen	Marc Yuan	<b>Henry Yang</b>
Quad #4	<b>Marc Yuan</b>	Veronica Guo	Patrick Wang	Johnny Li
Quad #5	<b>Jason Chen</b>	<b>Severn Nie</b>	<b>Ethan Song</b>	YiWang Wang
Quad #6	Ethan Yang	Eric Jiang	<b>Loukas Kyriakides</b>	<b>Terry Xu</b>
Quad #7	Eric Jiang	Brian Shao	Eugene Liang	<b>Jacky Tang</b>
Quad #8	<b>Jacky Tang</b>	<b>Jacky Tang</b>	<b>Eric Zhang</b>	<b>Jacob McBride</b>
Quad #9	<b>Neil Hong</b>	Ray Zhang	Enoch Liang	<b>David Zhou</b>
Quad #10	<b>Daniel Zhu</b>	Owen Tan	Juntian Ye	<b>Owen Tan</b>
Quad #11	Ray Xu	<b>Matthew Ji</b>	Ray Xu	
Quad #12	Owen Tan	<b>Mitchell Dai</b>	<b>David Zhou</b>	
Quad #13		<b>Anson Yen</b>	<b>Anson Yen</b>	
Quad #14			Angelina Wang	

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## FRIDAY

## QUADS

## WINNERS

## BURNABY

# QUAD/DATE	NOV-7-2015	NOV-14-2015	NOV-21-2015	NOV-28-2015
Quad #1	<b>Kevin Liu</b>	Eric Jiang	Marc Yuan	Matthew He
Quad #2	Simarleen Kaur	Jonathan Li	<b>Pavni Labade</b>	<b>Kevin Liu</b>
Quad #3		<b>Alex Chen</b>		

## FRIDAY

## QUADS

## WINNERS

## COQUITLAM

# QUAD/DATE	NOV-7-2015	NOV-14-2015	NOV-21-2015	NOV-28-2015
Quad #1	<b>Yong Zhang</b>	Ran Xiao	Yong Zhang	<b>Ryan Shen</b>
Quad #2	David Li	David Li	Kevin Wang	David Li
Quad #3	<b>AnRan Dai</b>	Alex Fu	<b>AnNing Zhang</b>	<b>Binary Xiao</b>

# VANCOUVER RAPID TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Vancouver Rapid is a Team Chess Championship held in Vancouver every year. The competitions consist of two stages. During the first stage, the teams are playing Round robin or Swiss system tournament against each other (depending on the quantity of teams). In the end of qualification tournament, the strongest teams take part in the final play off to identify a sole winner. The first year was victorious for Vancouver Chess School as it was represented mainly by VCS teachers. Starting 2014, VCS team consists exclusively of VCS students.



The VCS team for 2016 will be formed based on the CFC rating. **Top 10 CFC rated players** (on Sep-01-2016) from our school will be invited to join the team in September 2016.

# TOP 10 CFC/CMA

## TOP 10 CFC/CMA RATED PLAYERS FROM OUR SCHOOL AS OF DEC 1, 2015.

#	NAME	CFC RATING
1	Kevin Low	1937
2	Maven Zheng	1831
3	Ethan Low	1776
4	Victor Zheng	1688
5	Kevin Li	1687
6	Daniel Chen	1646
7	Jim Guo	1533
8	James Li	1499
9	Daniel Du	1469
10	Ryan Leong	1467

Check your CFC rating  
<https://www.vanchess.ca/rating-cfc>

#	NAME	CMA RATING
1	Kevin Low	1897
2	Maven Zheng	1737
3	Ethan Low	1713
4	Daniel Chen	1664
5	Ryan Leong	1625
6	James Li	1606
7	Kevin Li	1560
8	Victor Zheng	1552
9	Dylan Fox	1529
10	Jim Guo	1489

Check your CMA rating  
<https://www.vanchess.ca/rating-cma>

# RECOMMENDED MINIMUM RATING TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>RATING</b>
Pawn->Knight	600 (CMA)
Knight->Bishop	1100 (CMA)
Bishop->Rook	1500 (CMA)
Rook->Queen	1800 (CMA)
Queen->King	2000+ (CMA)

# INTERIM TEST

As VCS follows the school calendar and will be closed from Dec 19-Jan 3, we have created an OPTIONAL interim test for students to complete over the break if they choose to do so. Covering all the material they learned this past semester this test helps both the student and the coach gauge how much of the material the student is grasping. This test can be found on the student account, under Test -> Chess Mentor Exercises. The students can start, pause and continue the test over the course of the break, and also have the choice to reset the test if they wish to improve upon their score. Each question can be attempted 1-2 times. With a score of 75% or higher on this test the student will be awarded a diamond on their Wall of Fame.

It is not mandatory to complete this test, and the completion of this test does not count for or against the student in any way. It is simply extra practice for those who are interested, and a good way to judge their own improvement.



# FUNDING TEAM BC AT THE CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE 2016

## Dear Parents,

Every year the Canadian-based Chess N' Math Association hosts the Canadian Chess Challenge, featuring not only a contest between the best players in each grade across the country, but a competition between provinces as well. The event has traditionally been dominated by Ontario and Quebec, and BC, although always putting forward a strong showing, has in over 25 years never finished first.

Despite having very strong players in every grade, it is very difficult for BC to assemble all these strong players to attend the Canadian Chess Challenge (CCC) together. One of the main reasons for this is cost, as there is very limited funding available to support our team. While this is possible for some families, for many it is a reason not to attend.

This year, the CCC will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan. As BC team captain, it is my belief and hope that we can have a very good chance at winning 1st place if we can assemble a team comprised of our very strongest players in every grade. However, as mentioned above, cost is a limiting factor in accomplishing this. I am asking you, not as the Vancouver Chess School director, but as the BC team captain, to help fund team BC to the CCC this year. Any donation you can make would be highly appreciated by all of team BC.

Additionally, if you believe your company or a company you know would be interested in sponsoring team BC in exchange for advertising, please do let us know. The amount necessary is a small cost for many large companies, and any contribution to such a worthy endeavor would be immensely helpful in allowing BC to put together the strongest team possible with the best chances of winning this year's Canadian Chess Challenge.

亲爱的家长，

每年加拿大数学和国际象棋组织都会举办加拿大国际象棋挑战赛，这不光是针对全国各年级最好的选手之间的竞争，也同时是各个省之间的竞争。通常这个比赛的冠军都是被安大略省和魁北克省包揽了，我们BC省虽然每次都表现很出色，但25年来从没有得过冠军。

虽然我们每个年级都有很强的选手，但要组织整合所有这些强手去参加加拿大国际象棋挑战赛(CCC)还是很困难的一件事。其中一个最重要的原因是费用问题，因为只有很有限的基金愿意资助我们的队伍。有些家庭可能没有这个问题，但对很多家庭来说，他们会因为费用问题而放弃去参加比赛。

今年的CCC将在萨省的Regina举办。作为BC省的领队，我相信如果我们能把各年级的优秀选手都组织好，我们有很大的可能性赢得冠军。只是像前面所说，费用是个很大的问题。我现在不是以温哥华国际象棋俱乐部校长的身份，而是以BC省领队的身份请求你们的帮助，希望你们能资助BC省队去参加CCC比赛。整个BC省队对任何捐款表示万分感谢！

另外，如果你们的企业，或者你们知道有任何企业对于赞助BC省队并同时为自己公司做广告有兴趣的话，请随时告诉我们。我们所需要的费用对很多大公司来说是很小的开支，但任何捐款对于BC省队汇集所有顶尖高手冲刺本年度的加拿大国际象棋挑战赛冠军都是极大的帮助！

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