VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

QUALIFY THIS MONTH FOR THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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BC - NOVA SCOTIA MATCH

BC will very soon be forming a team to compete against Nova Scotia later this term - wishing all participants and Team BC the very best of luck! Stay tuned for dates and results!



REGIONAL QUALIFIER #3 | MAR 6

All students are invited for another chance to qualify for the 2022 BC Chess Challenge, taking place in April. All players scoring 2.5/5 points or higher will automatically qualify for the provincial event, and the top three players in each grade will win trophies. Even if you've already qualified for the BC Chess Challenge, all students are encouraged to participate again as this is an excellent chance to sharpen tournament skills before the provincial championships.

Every year this is one of the most popular events and often fills up so sign up very soon online to reserve your spot.

Registration is now open!



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!





FEATURED STUDENT: RYAN GOLCHIN

As the winner of the December promotion qualifier series, Ryan Golchin won the right to challenge GM Evgeny Bareev to a 3-game rapid match. Ryan showed excellent form in this match, had a great result in the Richmond Open in January and won his grade of the second Regional Qualifier with a perfect score. Well done Ryan on all your recent achievements!

PRO-D DAY CAMPS | FEB 18, FEB 21

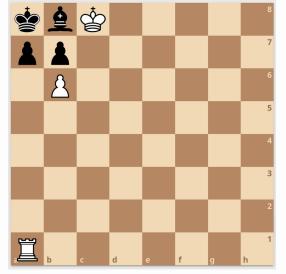
Looking for a fun, educational and exciting way to spend your pro-d days this term? VCS Is offering a morning Pro-D day camp online for students of all levels. Campers will learn opening repertoire, train tactics and play fun tournaments according to their level. Details and registration can be found online <u>here</u>.

MONTHLY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP | FEB 26

The next monthly class championship is taking place on February 26, 2022. Students will play 5 rounds of G20+5 games against opponents of a similar level, giving everyone good tournament experience in longer time controls. This tournament is an excellent chance to gain rating points and earn a promotion to the next level. Details can be found <u>online</u> - sign up now!

QUAD TOURNAMENTS | WEEKLY

Our popular Quad tournaments are continuing every week online, with a U450 section for beginners and an open section for more experienced players. Students are grouped in fours to play against other players their level. Games are CMA rated which is a great chance to increase your rating and get promoted. Sign up for any week online.



REGIONAL QUALIFIER #2 IN REVIEW

An impressive 81 players participated in the second Regional qualifier in January with all students showing excellent chess skills, perseverance and sportsmanship. A special congratulations to players who achieved a perfect score - Haoming Lian (Grade 1), Forrest Zhu (Grade 3), Panshul Mishra-Jaiman (Grade 4), Ryan Golchin (Grade 5), Owen Zheng (Grade 6), Gillian Mok (Grade 8), and Veronica Guo (Grade 9). Well done to all participants!

White to move and checkmate in 2 moves. Hint: zugzwang