

# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

ITS THE START OF THE 2022-2023 CHESS CHALLENGE SERIES!

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## Nov 4 - In Person Quads are back!

Play in our favourite Quads tournament in person at the Jericho office. Parents of players can join for free. Signup [online](#).

## Winter Term Registration Open

Register [online](#) for the group class that fits your schedule in January



## REGIONAL QUALIFIER #1 | DEC 3, DEC 4, DEC 10

The Regional Qualifier tournaments are back in person this year, with the first one taking place over 3 days at the Jericho main office. All students are invited for the first chance to qualify for the 2023 BC Chess Challenge, taking place in May. 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. This is one of the most popular events of the year and spots are limited in this in-person event. Sign up [online](#) for the date corresponding to your grade to reserve your spot to compete.

## CONGRATULATIONS RYAN YANG AND ETHAN SONG!

Ryan and Ethan both started at VCS at age 5, and recently participated in the BC Closed Tournament with excellent results. Ryan finished in 3rd place with 5/8 and Ethan earned 3.5/5 against a very strong field of the best players in the province. Congratulations!



Ryan Yang (far left) and Ethan Song (second from right)

### FEATURED STUDENT: ELLIOT MCCALLUM

Elliott is a Grade 1 VCS student currently ranked top in his grade in Canada. He is a very talented player with a great work ethic who sets a very strong example for his classmates. He has been a regular participant at tournament, camps and events. Elliott and his sister Siobhan have taken initiative to promote chess in their school. He also recently participated in the Susan Polgar National Open in Washington where he won many awards. He is soon to be promoted to Bishop level. Congratulations Elliott!



Elliott with GM Susan Polgar

### CHESS VARIANT: FISCHER RANDOM

Want to try a fun variant of chess where all the rules are the same but the starting position of the pieces have 960 possibilities? Try Fischer Random chess, also known as Chess 960! The World Fischer Random championships recently concluded with GM Hikaru Nakamura emerging the winner. Read more about the event on [chess.com](https://chess.com).

### PRO-D DAY CAMP | NOV 3-4, NOV 11, NOV 25

VCS is excited to present camps once again during the November Pro-D days, with full day camps taking place in person at the Jericho Office. Participants will be split into groups based on their levels, and will learn new openings, tactics, and endgame technique. The camps will include lessons, fun tournaments, thematic games and game analysis with our coaches. If you're looking for a fun way to spend your Pro-D day, make some new friends and improve your chess skills, this is the perfect event for you! Registration and details are [online](#).

### MONTHLY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP | NOV 26

The next monthly class championship is taking place online on November 26, 2022. Students will play 5 rounds against opponents of a similar level, giving everyone a 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 online - sign up [now](#)!

### CHRISTMAS CAMPS | DECEMBER

Look forward to the holiday season with our Christmas Camps! Camps run all day for both weeks of the Christmas holiday period taking place in person at the Jericho Office. Pizza will be provided, and half-day camps are also available. Campers will have a great time playing friendly games, learning new skills and meeting new friends. Register [here](#) to save your spot.

