

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

CELEBRATE VCS EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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New Semester - September 6

Welcome back to the new semester! We hope all families had a happy and healthy summer. We look forward to seeing all of you virtually or in person at our programs, events, and tournaments!



NATIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAM | SEPT 17

The NPP camps will continue in the spring term with specialized training for each level taught by national champions. Tailor your opening repertoire to your strengths, train your tactical vision, and analyse your games. New this fall, the NPP will also incorporate our Pawn Endgame Series #1 lessons, giving students double the value of our normal NPP. This endgame series includes thematic endgame tournaments, dynamic lessons and puzzle solving. Register [here](#).

'TO IMPROVE AT CHESS YOU SHOULD IN THE FIRST INSTANCE STUDY ENDGAMES' - WORLD CHAMPION CAPABLANCA

Congratulations to Ashiana Varma- Vitug, who won the top woman \$100 prize at the BC Day Open 2022 in the U1000 section. Ashiana joined VCS a few years ago and has achieved amazing results already. Other VCS students and alumni also achieved great results. Congratulations all participants!



FEATURED STUDENT: RAPHAEL NG

Congratulations to this month's featured student Raphael Ng. Raphael regularly attends tournaments, having played 107 CMA rated games already in 2022. He is always extremely respectful to other students and coaches, and is making excellent progress. Keep it up Raphael!



QUADS | WEEKLY

Our legendary Quad tournaments are back this fall, taking place online every week, and in person on September 16. Players are divided into groups of 4 players of similar level so that each participant plays 3 games with opponents of their ability. This is a great opportunity to practise new openings and apply tactics learned in class. Students can also meet new friends at one of most popular and long-running events. Sign up [online](#).

MONTHLY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP | SEPT 24

The next monthly class championship is taking place on Sept 24, 2022. Students will play 5 rounds of G15+10 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 online - sign up [now!](#)

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT POINTS

The first annual VCS tournament points have been tabulated - congratulations to the winners of the 2021-2022 season! The top 50 players are listed [online](#).

Best overall: Ashiana Varma-Vitug
Best 2nd: Matthew Du
Best 3rd: PengSen Fang
Best Girl: Sofia Varma-Vitug
Best %win in top 10: Raphael Ng

VERONICA GUO REPRESENTS CANADA AT THE OLYMPIAD

Veronica Guo started as a VCS student when she was only 6 years old and has shown incredible progress and achievements ever since. Most recently she has returned from the 2022 Chess Olympiad where she had an incredible performance, and was gracious enough to share photos with VCS.

In addition to being an active player on the national team, Veronica also gives back generously to the VCS community as a volunteer coach in our camps and National Preparation workshops. Congratulations Veronica!

Right: Team Canada at the 2022 Olympiad. Photo Courtesy of Veronica Guo

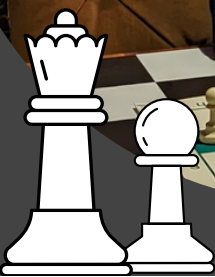




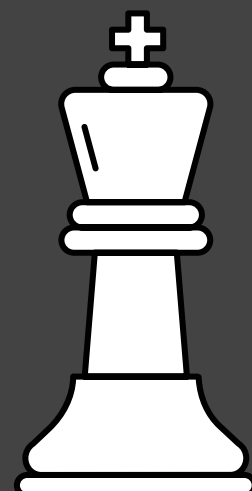
VCS is thrilled to have hosted two events at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver's Notch8 chess-themed tea room. Both events were at full capacity of 40 players, who enjoyed a friendly blitz tournament followed by a 3-course lunch served by the Fairmont. Congratulations to Owen Yuen and Ryanbole Yu who won the two tournaments respectively.

A huge thank you to students, parents, coaches and in particular our partners at the Fairmont Hotel for their hospitality. It was a privilege to host an event in such a unique and beautiful venue!

FAIRMONT BLITZ '22



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SPECIAL OFFER

After two successful Blitz and Luncheon events, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver is delighted to welcome Vancouver Chess School students, parents, and their guests for Griffin's Gambit Afternoon Tea. Seatings at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm on Thursdays through Sundays. To apply for the exclusive Vancouver Chess School discount offer of 15% off, kindly email HVC.Notch8@fairmont.com

Discount code: 15%VCS
Expiry date: Oct 31, 2022