

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

WE CAN'T WAIT TO START THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

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Fall 2023 Open VCS 2.0!

VCS is thrilled to announce the opening of registration for our enhanced Fall term, featuring VCS 2.0. This massive upgrade promises an enriched learning experience with specialized classes, flexible schedules, and an all-new tuition model.

- Classes and [Workshops](#) with GMs
- Sneak peek [video](#)
- Free entry to our [Chess Festival](#)

What are you waiting for? Ignite your child's passion for chess this Fall with VCS 2.0. Register [now](#) and let the games begin!

SUNDAY CHESS CLUB

VCS is excited to share with you the launch of our exclusive Chess Club, starting this September! Join us every Sunday for a jam-packed schedule of chess activities and tournaments. We've designed this club to offer a flexible, relaxed atmosphere, so students can join and leave at any point during the activities - giving them a chance to learn and enjoy at their own pace. The Chess Club is your all-access pass to a world of chess exploration, featuring friendly games, thematic tournaments (like Sicilian Defense practice!), supervised chess homework completion, and even fun twists like Bug House and Chess960. Our experienced coaches will oversee all activities, ensuring a safe, educational, and entertaining experience. And hey parents, that's four hours you get to yourself every Sunday! Stay tuned for more details.



CONGRATULATIONS COACH TADAS!

VCS Coach Tadas Ceponis recently won a tournament in his home country of Lithuania with an excellent performance. Tadas will be returning to Vancouver in August - we look forward to welcoming him back!



FEATURED STUDENT: OLIVIA WANG

Olivia Wang is presently enrolled in the advanced beginner class, where she holds a unique perspective on chess, viewing it primarily as an enjoyable pursuit rather than a competitive sport. She has actively participated in the U450 Quads, achieving an impressive feat by winning three consecutive first-place medals.

Olivia is slated to join the pre-Knight class during the upcoming fall semester. Given her recent noteworthy performances, there is a high likelihood of her advancing to the Knight class in the near future. Keep up the great work Olivia!

RICHMOND BRANCH - NEW FALL CLASSES

Is Richmond more convenient for you? We are offering classes this fall in 5 levels - register [online](#)

VCS CHESS FESTIVAL (SEP 16-17)

VCS is delighted to announce the forthcoming Vancouver Chess Festivals scheduled to commence in Fall 2023! Anticipate engaging weekends brimming with intense competition, and an unwavering passion for the game of chess. The festivals will include classical time controls, a rapid event and a blitz, with sections for all levels. This event will be **FIDE/CFC/CMA** rated with high prizes - a unique opportunity so mark your calendars for all the dates, coming every month this fall!

PROMOTION QUALIFIER (CFC/CMA) | AUG 19

VCS is pleased to be hosting another Promotion Qualifier series, designed to help students gain the necessary experience and rating points needed for a promotion to the next level. Participants will play 5 games of G25+5 against players of a similar strength. Registration is open [online](#) so reserve your spot today!

ADVANCED IN PERSON CLASS | THIS FALL

We are delighted to announce the introduction of our new in person Advanced Chess Program, which will commence this fall at VCS, Jericho Shopping Centre, under the guidance of our Director, Maxim Doroshenko. This program has been meticulously tailored for students with CMA/CFC ratings starting from 1000 and above. Email info@vanchess.com to register - details [online](#)

JULY IN REVIEW - SUMMER CAMPS!

Every week VCS students are having tons of fun enjoying our summer camp programs - and if you haven't participated yet there are still several camps to go before the end of the summer!

Our most recent camp saw over **20** participants, as well as VCS alumni Andrew Xu and Veronica Guo volunteering and inspiring our young students. Andrew and Veronica have been involved in VCS since they were in Grade 1 and are participating in the Pan-American Youth Championship later this summer. Wishing them best of luck!

Register for camps [online](#)



[View Camp 4 highlights here](#)



GRANDMASTER WORKSHOPS

Elevate your child's chess game this fall with VCS's online Grandmaster workshops!

Our six specially designed courses delve into openings, strategy, and endgames using our unique 'Power Replay Learning' concept. Get hands-on experience, complete online homework, tackle ChessHeroes challenges, and test your skills for a comprehensive learning journey. Book 1-2 workshops along with your regular classes for up to a whopping 50% discount! Limited spots - [Sign up now](#) and take your chess mastery to the next level.



VCS PRESENTS SIX GRANDMASTER WORKSHOPS THIS FALL!

GM BORIS AVRUKH



1. Sicilian Defense for White
Thursday 4 pm – 5:15 pm

2. Sicilian Defense for Black
Thursday 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

GM DMITRII KOMAROV



1. Pawn Endgames #1
Saturday 9 am – 10:15 am

2. Rook Endgames #1
Saturday 10:30 am – 11:45

GM NIKOLA NESTOROVIC



1. Secrets of Positional Sacrifice #1
Monday 7 am – 8 am

2. The Power of Defence #1
Wednesday 7 am – 8 am

Check out all the available workshops [here](#). Don't forget, with the purchase of two or more courses this Fall, you'll gain free entry to our exciting [Chess Festival](#) (Sep 16-17)!