

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL



SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION!

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Photos: 2022 VCS Christmas Party

2023 Holiday Party - You're Invited!

WHAT: Sleighbell Buffet Dinner Banquet - games, food, prizes and holiday cheer

WHO: All students, alumni, parents, and coaches

WHEN: December 21 2023, 6:30-9:30pm

WHERE: University Golf Club, 5185 University Boulevard, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1X5

You can now register [here](#). Space is limited and attendance is first come, first serve!

VCS CHESS FESTIVAL #4 | DEC 9-10

VCS is delighted to announce the next Vancouver Chess Festival, December edition. The Festivals in September, October and November were a huge success and saw over 150 players from all over the lower Mainland participating in 5 sections. Anticipate an engaging weekend brimming with intense competition, and an unwavering passion for the game of chess. The event will take place at UBC's Ponderosa ballroom - registration is open [online](#) so save your spot now!





WEEKLY QUAD TOURNAMENTS

VCS's famous CMA rated quad tournaments continue every week with events on Fridays, Saturdays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. **Additionally, our Friday Quads are now also rated with CFC Quick.** Depending on your level and preference for online/in person, there is an event for you! Find the full quads schedule [online](#).



FEATURED STUDENT: MOSES LI

Moses Li, a dedicated student in the NPP program and several online group lessons, exudes enthusiasm and actively engages in classroom discussions. Notably, at the Vancouver Chess Festival, his adept utilization of NPP workshop endgame strategies, specifically focusing on Knight vs Knight + Pawns, led to a triumphant victory against a formidable opponent. His recent participation in Susan Polgar's tournament in Bellevue, WA resulted in winning two coveted trophies, showcasing his competitive prowess. With such achievements, Moses demonstrates a promising and bright future ahead!

SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY

VCS launched our Sunday Chess club this fall, which includes free play, tactics contests, thematic rapid tournaments, pizza and blitz tournaments. The schedule is flexible in this relaxed atmosphere - come when you can and learn at your own pace. Participants come from all age groups and abilities and always have a great time learning together. Sign up [online](#) for a fun afternoon full of chess.

CHRISTMAS CAMPS | WEEKLY

VCS is excited to present Christmas camps once again over the holiday period, with full day camps taking place in person at the Jericho Office every week of the winter break. Activities will include lessons, fun tournaments, thematic games and game analysis with our coaches. If you're looking for a fun way to spend your Christmas holidays this year this is perfect for you! Register [online](#).

REGIONAL QUALIFIER #2 | JAN 28

The second Regional Qualifier tournament will take place in the UBC Ponderosa ballroom on January 28 2024. All students are invited for the first chance to qualify for the 2023 BC Chess Challenge, taking place in April 2024. 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](#) to reserve your spot to compete.

Winter Registration Open

Register [Online](#) for your group class. Workshops are also open for registration and can be registered for at the same [link](#)

LETS MAKE THIS WINTER A SEASON OF CHESS SUCCESS

This Winter, elevate your child's chess game at the Vancouver Chess School. Enroll them in multiple weekly group classes and watch their skills skyrocket with over 10 hours of focused chess activities each week. Our combination of classes, exclusive Sunday club, and tournaments is designed for fast and noticeable improvement.



- Attend at least 2 group classes/workshops per week
- Participate in our exclusive 4-hr Sunday chess club
- Engage in 1-2 quad tournaments per month and our monthly Chess Festival/CCC or CYCC Qualifiers
- Complete assigned homework and tests
- Make your next move a great one - on and off the board!