

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

SIGN UP FOR PRO-D DAY AND SPRING BREAK CAMPS

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Chess Trivia

The pawn wasn't always allowed to move two squares on it's first move - it originally could only move one step at a time.

In what year was the pawn first allowed to move two squares on it's first move?

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for the answer

PRO-D DAY CAMPS | FEB 17. 20

Look forward to the next Pro-D days with our fun camps! Camps run all day at the Jericho office on the upcoming Pro-D days on February 17 and February 20. Participants will be split into groups based on their level and will learn topics such as opening repertoire, play thematic tournaments, sharpen their tactics and participate in friendly competitions. A pizza lunch and the option for early drop-off and late pick-up will be provided.

Our campers always have a great time playing friendly games, learning new skills and meeting new friends. Register [here](#) to save your spot for this month's camps. We can't wait to see everyone there!



PLEASE BE ADVISED

Starting in the Spring term VCS group and private class fees will be increasing by 5\$ per class. This fee increase will be reflected when class schedules are posted online ahead of the Spring term.



FEATURED STUDENT: AARON GU

Aaron Gu, currently enrolled in the Knight level class and NPP program is a dedicated student who is committed to regularly participating in tournaments. He has won numerous medals and tied for first place at the 2023 Regional Qualifier #1. Aaron consistently completes his homework with a 100% completion rate, demonstrating a strong work ethic and a desire to improve. He is working for the next level of promotion to the pre-Bishop class. Congratulations Aaron!

REGIONAL QUALIFIER #2 | JAN 28, FEB 4, 5

All students are invited for another 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. Save your spot by registering [online](#) for the date corresponding to your grade.

MONTHLY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS | FEB 11

The next monthly class championship is taking place on February 11. Students will play 5 rounds of G15+10 games against opponents of a similar level, giving everyone good experience in longer games. This tournament is an excellent chance to gain rating points and earn a promotion to the next level. Register [here](#)

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

VCS is excited to present week-long camps once again this spring break, with full day camps taking place both weeks in our Jericho office. Participants 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 spring break, make some new friends and improve your chess skills, this is the perfect event for you! Registration is now open [online](#).

JANUARY IN REVIEW

Congratulations to all participants in the January Monthly Class Championship. The winners were:

Class A - Jordan Zhu
Class B - Sky Cheung (1st after tiebreak), Aaron Li, Seo-Joon Choi
Class C - Ziheng Wang

Weekly quads are continuing, with students gaining valuable experience while having fun with new friends. Congratulations to all students who achieved a perfect 3/3 score at a Quads tournament this month:

Chelsea Tang	Kevin Chiu	Nathan Roessler
Jordan Zhu	Gavin Zhang	Oscar Yao
PengSan Feng	Aaron Gu	Jonathan Xu
Sofia Vigurs	Samuel Lu	Max Liao

Trivia answer: The pawn being allowed to advance 2 squares on the first move was first introduced in the year 1280 in Spain (source: chess.com 13 amazing facts about chess)