

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

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CONGRATULATIONS TEAM BC!

A huge congratulations to Team BC that took home the crown at the Canadian Chess Challenge for the first time in 34 years! The Canadian Chess Challenge holds immense significance as one of the most esteemed chess tournaments in Canada. This was a huge achievement, upsetting the usual powerhouses Ontario and Quebec. Team BC also took home two 1st place finishes and 6 second place finishes. A special thank you to trainers Stephen Wright and Janak Awatramani, Provincial Coordinator Suzanne Chong, BC Arbiter Ratko Spasojevic, and Team Captain Kevin Low. A special mention as well to Grade 1 Elliot McCallum, and Grade 8 Ethan Song who were undefeated and National Champions in their respective grades.

Team BC also included two female players, Gillian Mok (Grade 9) and Kate Jiang (Grade 10). This was the highest female representation of any province. All Team BC members showed great courage, perseverance and resilience, with many players bouncing back from difficult losses to score important wins in subsequent rounds. All players demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and made BC proud with their incredible teamwork and chess skill. What an amazing result - Congratulations Team BC!



Message from Larry Bevand, CMA Director



WELCOME HOME WORLD CHAMPION ELLIOT MCCALLUM!

Elliot McCallum recently won the U7 FIDE World Championship and was welcomed home with a cake and a party. He was also gifted an official FIDE World Championship chess set, used by many world champions. congratulations Elliot!



Congratulations VCS Individual Champions!

U6 - Rockwell Chan
U8 - Sky Cui
U10 - Samuel Lu

U12 - Daniel Lin
U14 - Ryder Hsu
U16 - Robert McBain

FEATURED STUDENT: ROCKWELL CHAN

In the world of chess, talent knows no age limits, and Rockwell Chan, a kindergarten student, is proving just that. He participates regularly in tournaments and his remarkable nine-win streak, in 3 consecutive weekly quads is a testament to his dedication and innate talent. Rockwell's recent promotion to the Knight Class is a significant milestone in his chess journey. This elevation is a clear reflection of his consistent dedication and impressive performance. As he joins the ranks of more experienced players, we have no doubt that Rockwell will continue to make waves and leave his mark on the chess community.



MONTHLY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS | JUN 17

The next monthly class championship is taking place on Jun 17, and is a virtual event. 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. Details and registration are [online](#).

SUMMER CAMPS | WEEKLY, ALL SUMMER

VCS is thrilled to announce that we will be holding summer camps every week this summer at the Jericho main office. There will also be one camp offered virtually in mid-July. Camps offer a full day and half day option, and all campers will receive a pizza lunch every day.

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 summer holiday and make some new friends, these are the perfect events for you! Register [online](#)

Summer Registration Open Now!

Register for classes at
<https://www.vanchess.ca/groups>

YEAR-END PICNIC - ALL STUDENTS, FAMILIES, ALUMNI AND COACHES ARE INVITED!

When: Saturday June 24th 4pm-8pm

Where: Jericho Pond Picnic Area

What: Blitz, Bughouse, soccer, prizes

Bring: Potluck format so bring a dish to share!

All students, coaches, and families are cordially invited to come and have fun at this beachfront picnic, as we conclude an incredible year of chess! In past years this event has had great turn out and was lots of fun for the whole family. We're anticipating this year's event to be the best yet so don't miss out!



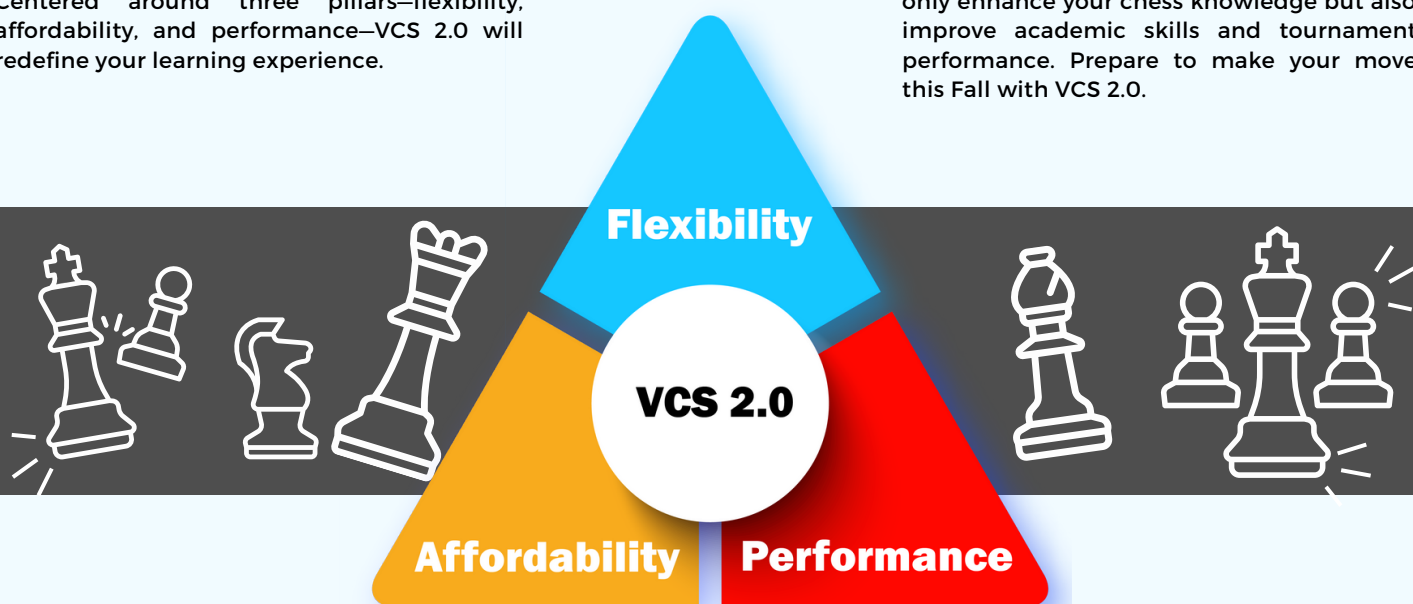
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Year-end party

YOUR CHESS SCHOOL: REIMAGINED

For better learning and performance

This Fall, we're proud to introduce VCS 2.0, a massive update that is set to revolutionize our school's software, content, and operations. Centered around three pillars—flexibility, affordability, and performance—VCS 2.0 will redefine your learning experience.

VCS 2.0 promises a significant upgrade to your learning journey. The additional time and diversified learning methods will not only enhance your chess knowledge but also improve academic skills and tournament performance. Prepare to make your move this Fall with VCS 2.0.



Our new tuition model recognizes dedication. The more classes you attend, the less you pay per class! Furthermore, parents now have the option to schedule makeup classes, reschedule group classes, and transfer their children between groups effortlessly. Advancement to the next level will also be streamlined once promotion requirements are met.

Imagine being able to attend as many group classes per week as your schedule allows. Now, in addition to our regular offerings, we're launching specialized classes focused on endgames, openings, tactics, and strategy. Tailor your learning journey with a mix of regular and focus classes that cater to your interests and development needs.

We're also implementing the "Power Replay Learning" concept across our new courses. This will incorporate online homework, ChessHeroes challenges, and final tests, ensuring students fully grasp the material before applying new strategies to their chess games.