

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

COMPETE TO BE THE UNDISPUTED BEST PLAYER AT VCS

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A huge congratulations to our Grade 1 BC champion **Elliott McCallum** who won the U7 section of the 2023 FIDE World School Championships in 1st place, ahead of dozens of competitors from around the world. Amazing accomplishment Elliott!



Year End Potluck Picnic

When: Saturday June 24th 4pm-Sunset

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!



VCS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | MAY 7, 14, 28

VCS is excited to present once again the annual Individual Championship, where students compete to be the best player of their age group in the school and for the chance to get their name on the perpetual plaque. This year's event is also a qualifier to the prestigious Canadian Youth Chess Championships (CYCC). Participants of the Individual Championships will play 5 rounds of G20 games against other players in their age group with separate sections for girls. This event takes place over three weekends so make sure to register for the correct event based on your age and gender:

[Open - U6, U8](#)

[Open - U10](#)

[Open - U12](#)

[Open - U14, U16, U18](#)

[Girls - All sections](#)



FEATURED STUDENT: JAYDON YUAN

Jaydon Yuan has been a dedicated and enthusiastic student at VCS for several years and has recently been promoted to the Bishop class. He is currently undergoing training for his role as a volunteer assistant coach during chess camps, which demonstrates his commitment to giving back to the community and helping others improve their game. Jaydon's younger brother Dylan is also a student at our school and is following in his brother's footsteps.

Jaydon enjoyed playing chess from the first day at chess school. Winning a game is not the only goal that Jaydon is after. He has a passion for chess and likes to immerse himself in the world of chess whenever he has a chance -Jane Liu (Jaydon's mother).

QUAD TOURNAMENTS | WEEKLY

Our legendary Quad tournaments have expanded to 4 per week, with the option of online or in-person events. Tuesdays and Thursdays are online while Friday evenings are in person, open to all students. Saturday afternoon provides an online event for beginners under CMA450 only. 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](#).

PRO-D DAY CAMP | MAY 22

VCS is excited to present another Pro-D day camp this month at the Jericho Office. 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 Pro-D day and make some new friends, this is the perfect event for you! Register [here](#).

MONTHLY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS | MAY 27

The next monthly class championship is taking place on May 27. 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 [online](#)

GO TEAM BC!

This year's Provincial Championships saw an amazing 144 young players participating, all having earned their spot through a qualifying event this season. After 5 hard fought rounds winners emerged who will represent Team BC at this year's Canadian Chess Challenge in Montreal. Congratulations to all players!

- Grade K - Bryan Tran
- Grade 1 - Elliott McCallum
- Grade 2 - Sky Cui
- Grade 3 - Kai Zhang
- Grade 4 - Bowen Wu
- Grade 5 - Zachary Liu
- Grade 6 - Justin Gao

- Grade 7 - Jordan Zhu
- Grade 8 - Ethan Song
- Grade 9 - Gillian Mok
- Grade 10 - Kate Jiang
- Grade 11 - Luka Spasojevic
- Grade 12 - Kevin Low

