

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

THERE'S A RECIPE FOR CHESS SUCCESS

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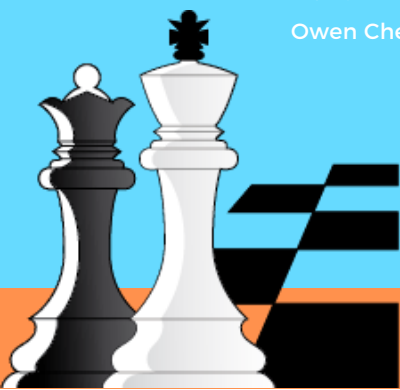
Photo: VCS Chess Festival, September 2023

September Highlights

So many students achieved great results throughout September its impossible to list them all - here are some mentions. Congratulations to all tournament participants!






Varav Bhatia
Aarshia Gupta
Mario Min
Owen Chen

Jack Kang
Brayan Zhang
Eric Zhao
Evan Taylor
Pengsen Fang
Ethan Low
Eddie Lai
Simon Xu



RECIPE FOR CHESS MASTERY:

Follow the checklist below to get the most out of our programs. Continue reading this newsletter for more info on all these events

-  Choose 1-2 group/private classes from our comprehensive schedule.
-  Add 1-2 specialized workshops per week
-  Participate in our exclusive 4-hour Sunday chess club
-  Engage in 1-2 quad tournaments per month and our monthly Chess Festival
-  Complete assigned homework and tests

FRIDAY QUADS - CFC QUICK

We are excited to announce that beginning Oct 6 all Friday Quad events will be CFC rated using the CFC Quick rating system, specifically for quick time controls. Register [here](#) for any quad tournament that fits your schedule!



FEATURED STUDENT: BRAYAN ZHANG

Brayan Zhang's commitment to chess and his impressive progress makes him a standout student at VCS. He consistently participates in tournaments and camps, showcasing his enthusiasm for chess and his commitment to improving his skills. Brayan's active participation in events like the Vancouver Chess Festival at UBC demonstrates his passion for the game and his

desire to challenge himself against strong opponents. As he enters the Bishop class, we have no doubt that Brayan will continue to excel and make a positive impact in the chess world. His dedication and hard work are not only an inspiration to his peers but also a testament to his potential for further growth and success in the game.

VCS CHESS FESTIVAL | OCT 28-29

VCS is delighted to announce the next Vancouver Chess Festival on the last weekend of October. The first Festival in September was 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 festivals will include classical time controls, a rapid event and a blitz, with sections for all levels. This event will be FIDE rated with high prizes, attracting experienced players. The event will take place at UBC's Ponderosa ballroom - registration is open [online](#) so save your spot now!

PRO-D DAY CAMPS | OCT 2, 9, 20

VCS is excited to present camps once again during the October Pro-D days, with full day camps taking place in person at the Jericho Office. Participants will be split into groups based on their levels, and 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 this is perfect for you! Register [online](#).

CHRISTMAS CAMPS

Registration is already open for our very popular Christmas break camps! These camps are fun and educational for all ages and levels and offer different options to fit everyone's schedule. [Register now](#) and spend your holidays enjoying chess!

SUNDAY CHESS CLUB KICKED OFF ON OCT 1 - COME OUT AND JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND!

VCS launched our first Sunday Chess Club on Oct 1st which included free play, a tactics contest, a thematic rapid tournament 10'5 (3 games) + analysis, pizza and blitz tournament. Participants were from all levels and age groups and everyone had a great time together!



Endgames featuring Queen vs. Rook in the absence of pawns are infrequent occurrences, yet they present a notable degree of complexity. Managing such endgames demands a unique approach distinct from more typical Rook endings, rendering them notably challenging to secure victory in, even with sufficient time on the chess clock.

