

# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

EMBARKING ON 2024:  
A YEAR AHEAD FILLED WITH CHESS TRIUMPHS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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Brandon Yu won the game by beautifully transposing the position into a winning pawn endgame! Would you be able to find the winning continuation?

## Winter Term Starts on Jan 6th

For faster promotion and better tournament results we recommend:

- Attend at least 2 group classes per week (group classes and/or workshops)
- Participate in our exclusive 4-hour Sunday chess club
- Engage in 1-2 quad tournaments per month and our monthly Chess Festival or Qualifier tournaments
- Complete assigned homework and tests

## VCS CHESS FESTIVAL | JAN 28-29

VCS is excited to share news about the upcoming Vancouver Chess Festival, scheduled for January 27-28. The previous festivals, held from September to December, were tremendously successful, attracting more than 200 players from across the Lower Mainland. Get ready for a weekend filled with thrilling games and a deep love for chess. This event is set to be hosted in the Ponderosa ballroom at UBC. You can [register online](#) now to secure your spot!



## WeChat Account

Join us here for exciting new and the latest updates

## NATIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Our National Preparation program is ramping up for the winter season. You can find registration details online under the ['Groups' section](#). Take advantage of our special offer: enroll in this 3-hour weekly program and get up to a 50% discount when you combine it with our regular group classes.



### FEATURED STUDENT: GABRIEL GOLLIAK

Gabriel Golliak has recently been promoted to the prestigious Bishop class, marking a significant milestone in his chess journey. He actively engages in tournaments, classes, and workshops, demonstrating an unyielding commitment to hone his chess skills. His involvement in the National Preparation Program further underscores his dedication and ambition.

Gabriel's impact reaches far beyond the chessboard. His infectious enthusiasm and inquisitive nature inspire those around him. His peers find motivation in his unwavering dedication and willingness to ask insightful questions, fostering a collaborative and intellectually stimulating environment.

Wishing Gabriel the very best in future endeavors. Keep inspiring us with your passion and inquisitive spirit!

## CHESS CAMPS

Get ready for an exciting Spring with VCS's week-long chess camps! This Spring holiday, we're hosting full-day camps every week at our main Jericho office. Tailored to various skill levels, our camps offer participants the chance to learn new openings, tactics, and endgame techniques.

Building on the success of our Winter camps, where over 30 students advanced to the next level after completing their promotion tests, the Spring camps promise to be equally rewarding. This is a fantastic opportunity to provide your children with 30 hours of mindful and fun chess activities. Register [here](#)

## REGIONAL #2 | JAN 28

We're excited to announce the Regional Qualifier #2 on January 28th. This pivotal event will be held at the renowned UBC Ponderosa ballroom, offering another opportunity for students to secure their spot in the prestigious 2024 BC Chess Challenge, set for April 2024. Participants who get 2.5/5 points or more will be automatically qualified for the provincial event. Moreover, the top three contenders in each grade will be awarded trophies. Register [here](#)

## PRO-D DAY CAMPS | JAN 17, FEB 16, 19

VCS is thrilled to offer camps during the Winter Pro-D days once more, featuring in-person sessions at the Jericho Office. Attendees will be grouped according to their skill levels and will enjoy a mix of lessons, entertaining tournaments, thematic games, and game analysis led by our coaches. This is an ideal way to make the most of your Pro-D day in a fun and engaging manner! You can sign up for it [online](#).

## SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY

VCS continues to host the Sunday chess class beginning on February 4, featuring activities such as free play, tactics contests, thematic tournaments with analysis, and blitz tournaments. Additionally, there will be free pizza for all participants! Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome! Register [here](#)

