

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

VCS COMMITS TO CONTINUOUSLY INTRODUCING NEW FUNCTIONALITY FOR OUR STUDENTS' BENEFIT

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NEW DAILY PUZZLES FEATURE

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new feature, Daily Puzzles, at VCS! This initiative invites our students to engage in daily brain-teasing puzzles for just 5-10 minutes, allowing them to compete with peers at similar levels. With real-time results and a daily history of progress, students can track their tactical skill improvements each day.

Moreover, completing these Daily Puzzles contributes towards the Monthly Tactics Challenge, adding an extra layer of motivation and recognition for our students' efforts and achievements.

MARCH TACTICS CHALLENGE | MAR 1 - 31

Join us for our Monthly Tactics Challenge this March and transform your chess game! From March 1-31, dive into our Ultimate Tactics Challenge via the VCS student account and tackle **20** puzzles daily to hone your tactical skills. Excel and stay committed to be eligible for exciting rewards, including VCS merchandise and Chess Heroes cards, with special recognition for top performers and outstanding talent among female players and U6 champions. Ready for growth and achievement? We look forward to celebrating your success and progress! [Learn more here](#)

SPRING TERM REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

Log into your VCS parent account, click on 'Class Schedule & Registration', and select [group classes](#) for your children.





CHESS HEROES CARDS HAVE ARRIVED

Our ChessHeroes Cards are now ready for distribution! Each card features your favorite chess hero along with an essential chess principle, designed to help you memorize and apply these strategies in your games. The cards will be distributed during our chess classes and tournaments. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



FEATURED STUDENT: ZIRUI (NATHAN) REN

We're thrilled to spotlight Zirui (Nathan) Ren in this edition of our newsletter! Nathan has consistently impressed us with his enthusiasm and dedication as a student in our pre-bishop class. His active participation and insightful contributions have greatly enriched our class discussions, setting a positive example for his peers. Nathan's passion for chess is evident through his regular attendance and wholehearted involvement in our festivals, tournaments, and camps, where he continues to hone his skills and embrace new challenges. As Nathan's journey in chess progresses, we're excited to announce that his promotion to Bishop level is imminent, reflecting his hard work and commitment to excellence. Moreover, Nathan's exemplary attitude and aptitude led us to entrust him with a special opportunity - assisting with our pro-D camp over the family day long weekend. Congratulations, Nathan, on your achievements thus far, and we eagerly anticipate witnessing your continued growth and success both on and off the chessboard!

VCS CHESS FESTIVAL | MAR 9-10

VCS is excited for Festival #6 on Mar 9-10, following the success of our previous events with 200+ players. Join us at UBC's Ponderosa ballroom for a weekend of competitive chess and enthusiasm for the game.

[Register online now](#) to secure your spot!

REGIONAL QUALIFIER #3 | MAR 10

The final opportunity to qualify for the 2024 BC Chess Challenge is here with Regional Qualifier #3, happening on March 10 at UBC. This event not only offers the last chance for individual qualification but also introduces a team competition, where the results of the top 4 players from each team will be considered. There will be trophies for the top three teams in both elementary and secondary school categories. Achieving 2.5/5 points or more guarantees a spot in the provincial event in April 2024, and the top three players in each grade will also receive trophies. [Sign up here!](#)

SPRING CHESS CAMPS | MAR 18, 25

VCS is thrilled to announce the return of our week-long camps this Spring, offering full-day sessions each week at our main office in Jericho. Attendees will be organized into groups by skill level to explore new opening strategies, tactics, and endgame skills. Pizza will be included, adding an extra slice of fun to your experience. If you're eager to enjoy your spring break, meet new people, and enhance your chess abilities, this event is ideal for you! [Register here!](#)

SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY

The Sunday Chess Club, featuring free play, a tactics contest, a rapid & blitz tournaments with analysis, welcomes participants of all skill levels. Enroll as a group class in Spring for a substantial discount when combined with other group classes. Pizza is on us, adding a flavorful twist to the experience. [Sign up online now!](#)

VCS FANTASY LEAGUE IS BACK

Join us for the Fantasy Chess League at VCS, a thrilling blend of strategy, competition, and fellowship. Dive into a chess adventure on Fridays from 6 PM - 8 PM, April through June. Experience intense battles across 3 rounds each evening, with matches structured for all skill levels. With weekly round-robin matches, teams of 5 (I Board: Pre-Rook & Bishop II Board: Pre-Bishop III Board: Knight IV Board: Pre-Knight V Board: Advanced Beginner) will compete, ensuring balanced and fair play. [Sign up now](#) for a chance to be part of the first 8 teams, with grand prizes awaiting the champions in June. Additionally, each day you participate awards you ChessHeroes cards, honoring your involvement. Commit to your team, embrace the spirit of the game, and embark on a chess journey like no other.