# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

BETTER MOVES IN CHESS, BETTER MOVES IN LIFE.

# WINTER TOURNAMENT MEGA DEAL – FOR JUNIORS ONLY! \*

★ Save 85% this Winter and play MORE tournaments for LESS! ★

From December 20 - 31, grab the All Tournaments Package and get:

- ♣ 85 tournaments including Sunday Club sessions, Quads, Regionals, Rapid, Blitz & Bughouse events!
- 2 Officially rated events to boost your skills, confidence, and rankings.
- 🛔 All for just **\$250** (Regular Price \$1625)!
- ▲ Limited spots available once they're gone, they're gone!
- Registration opens December 20 set your reminders and be ready!
- Available exclusively for players enrolled in VCS Group Lessons – except on **Dec 31**, when we open access to all juniors for one day only!
- All Tournaments Deal
- Online-only Tournaments
- Click the registration link above between Dec 20 -Dec 31 to sign up.



# **Winter Term Registration Open.**

**Enroll Now!** 





### **FEATURED STUDENT: SAGE WU**

Sage Wu's chess journey began at age five with Coach Stephen, and from the start he showed the curiosity and discipline that set strong players apart. He studies well beyond his lessons, exploring ideas on his own and recently teaching himself the Nimzo Larsen opening, now his signature choice. His ambition is clear. He hopes to become a master level player, and he approaches the game with the focus needed to get there.

This October marked an important step forward. Sage reached his highest CMA rating of 903, climbed to the number one ranking in British Columbia for his grade, and won first place in the Regional Qualifier of the BC Chess Challenge. These results reflect consistent preparation and a genuine love of competition.

Sage brings that same energy to fencing. He likes to think of himself as "the knight," carrying strategy, creativity, and tactical thinking from the chessboard into each bout. Both pursuits sharpen his problem solving skills and fuel his drive to improve. Sage's growth is steady, thoughtful, and full of promise. His potential continues to unfold with every step he takes, and we wish him continued success.

#### **HOLIDAY FUN AWAITS AT VCS CHESS CAMPS!**

VCS is excited to announce our in-person Christmas Chess Camps, held this winter at our Jericho main office!

Choose full-day or half-day options and enjoy a free pizza lunch every day. Campers are grouped by skill level to sharpen tactics, master openings, and practice endgames. With fun lessons, festive tournaments, and expert coaching, it's the perfect way to spend the holidays — learning chess, having fun, and enjoying pizza with friends!

- 77 Camp Dates:
- · Dec 22-26 Christmas Camp #1
- Dec 29-Jan 2 Christmas Camp #2
- · Jan 5-9 Winter Camp #1
- **Obetails and Registration**

#### 2026 BC RAPID CHAMPIONSHIPS | FEB 1

- † Bonsor Recreation Complex
- § Prize Fund: **\$2,600** (guaranteed)
- Format: 7-round Swiss system
- ii Sections: U1400, Open
- X Rating: CFC Quick/CMA rated
- Oetails and Registration
- **※** Secure your spot at BC Rapid − \$15 off until Dec 15th!

## **→** BONSOR BLITZ | FEB 1

- Prize Fund: \$550 (guaranteed)
- Format: 7 rounds Swiss system (2 hours)
- II Sections: Open, U1400
- X Rating: CFC Quick rated
- → Join us for an exciting weekend filled with competitive chess and fun!
- **Obecause** Details and Registration

# 2026 BC CHESS CHALLENGE: REGIONAL QUALIFIER #3 | FEB 1

- Page 15 Bonsor Recreation Complex
- 🛔 Format: 5-round Swiss | Sections: K-12 | Rating: CMA
- Trophies for top 3 in each category
- **Obetails & Registration**
- \* Take your game to the next level and compete for a spot in the BC Chess Challenge finals!

## NORMA ROSE POINT TAKES 1ST PLACE IN ELEMENTARY TEAM STANDINGS!



A huge congratulations to Norma Rose Point School for capturing 1st place in the Elementary Team Awards with an outstanding 17 points!

Represented by Emery Ning, Ben Kohavi, Raymond Sui, and Yori Rozali, the team delivered a powerful and consistent performance across all rounds.

- St. George's School 13.5 points
- Queen Elizabeth Elementary 12.5 points

#### **Secondary Results**

- Sir Winston Churchill Secondary 11.5 points
- St. John's Senior School 8 points
- Seycove Secondary 7 points

A remarkable achievement for all students involved — and an especially proud moment for Norma Rose Point, whose players demonstrated skill, teamwork, and determination.

Well done to all competitors!

#### SEATTLE SUCCESS: ECHO FANG TIES FOR 1ST AT THE SUSAN POLGAR NATIONAL!



Huge congratulations to Echo Fang on tying for 1st place in the K-G1 under 700 group at the Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls & Boys (1-Day Scholastic Sections) tournament held in Seattle, USA. Echo is pictured here with GM Susan Polgar. Her father, Zhou Fang, a regular participant in our Friday Quads and an inspiration to many youngsters, expressed his gratitude: "Thank you to VCS for all the help- she cannot achieve this without you guys."