

To: Parents of Chess Club participants  
From: Michael McDow, St. Edward's Chess Club Coach

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to offer your child another year of learning chess, developing critical thinking, understanding sportsmanship, and having fun. Our goal is to teach beginners the fundamentals throughout the year, and eventually, participate in competitive tournaments. Additionally, I hope to bring all the intermediate participants to an advanced level.

The groups will meet every other week, 3:15-4:15 according to the schedule below. We will not meet during exam week or holidays. 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be brought to the Church bell tower for pickup at 4:15, unless they are participating in after care. Please be prompt when picking up your child.

If your child is a beginner, please go to the following website and go through all the lessons as time permits: <https://lichess.org/learn#/>

There are no club fees. There are, however, other costs:

- The participant will need to purchase a portable tournament chess set for games. Sets are available at the link provided, and cost \$11.45 and up (models 255, 256, 259, or 262);  
<http://www.king-cart.com/cgi-bin/cart.cgi?store=CajunChess&category=Club|Tournament+Chess+Set+Combos>
- We will order club T-shirts that participants can wear for tournaments and cost about \$10.00.

<b>Meeting Dates</b>		
<b>1st Grade &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Beginners</b>	<b>2-3 Grades (not beginners)</b>	<b>4-7 Grades (all levels)</b>
3-Sep-19	4-Sep-19	11-Sep-19
17-Sep-19	18-Sep-19	25-Sep-19
8-Oct-19	9-Oct-19	16-Oct-19
22-Oct-19	23-Oct-19	30-Oct-19
5-Nov-19	6-Nov-19	13-Nov-19
19-Nov-19	20-Nov-19	4-Dec-19
<b>December 18, Christmas Party?</b>		
Calendar Year-20 dates to be published later		

Please feel free to call or email myself, [mmcdow1@cox.net](mailto:mmcdow1@cox.net), 504-756-6707, or Mrs. Hufft, [dehufft@steddy.org](mailto:dehufft@steddy.org), 504-888-6353