

Beginners Welcome



Chess Club

First Meeting of Our Second Year

Bring a chess set if you have one!

5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - Biology Room

Utica Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology

14201 Canal Road, Sterling Heights

Coach: Kurt Godden, Ph.D. ,MST Parent, and

a top blogger on chess.com (was #1 for a time this summer)

Check old friends!

Mate new ones!

Club Benefits:

1. **Win the contest to name our chess club.**
2. Add your name to this list of famous chess players: Ben Franklin, Nicholas Cage, Cher, David Letterman, Keanu Reeves, Jennifer Capriati, Boris Becker, Beethoven, Madonna, Sting, Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson, Barbara Streisand, Albert Einstein, George Orwell, Lauren Bacall, Humphrey Bogart, <YOUR NAME HERE>.
3. Impress your parents with your knowledge of foreign languages: “Yeah, Mom, my opponent thought he had me in a *Zugzwang*, but I captured his pawn *en passant*. He’ll never play the Giuoco Piano again.”
4. Challenge your teachers to speed chess, and watch them back down.
5. Play in local tournaments sanctioned by the US Chess Federation.

Cool stuff about chess:

- ✓ Child prodigies only happen in music, math and chess.
- ✓ IBM’s Deep Blue chess program could evaluate 200 million moves/sec.
- ✓ There are more distinct 40-move games of chess (25×10^{115}) than there are electrons in the universe (10^{79}).
- ✓ Belgian George Koltanowski played 34 simultaneous blindfold chess games in Edinburgh in 1937, winning 24 and tying 10, setting a world record.
- ✓ Chess was the first sport in the U.S. to have a national organization (1857), even before baseball.

“Chess is the touchstone of the intellect.” - Goethe