

Tournament Information

Date, Time, Cost and Location

- Saturday March 11, 2017
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School in Apex
- Sign in 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.
- Cost is \$1 per student. If registering more than one student from your school, please collect the money ahead of time and have an adult contact turn in all the money at registration.
- Opening Ceremony and pairings posted 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- 5 Tournament rounds from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. (G/20) Closing Ceremony and Awards approximately 2:15 p.m.

NOTE: Because timeliness is critical, if a player arrives after a round has started, that player must take a loss and his or her opponent a win for that round.

Food

- Breakfast and lunch items will be available for a nominal cost.
 - If you decide to bring your own food, please remember that STMM is a peanut-free school. So please, leave all foods with peanuts at home.
 - **NO food or drinks are allowed in the Main Building.**
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Division

Divisions are by grade level with a maximum of 32 players allowed in a division. If more than 32 players register for a division, additional divisions may be created.

- Kindergarten
 - First and Second
 - Third and Fourth
 - Fifth and Sixth
 - Seventh and Eighth
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Registration Information

If children from your school would like to participate, please contact the person presiding over your school club, or contact James Serino at serinojp@aol.com. The deadline for registration is **noon** on March 03, 2017.

Please include the following information in your email:

- School Name
- Each players name and grade

NOTE: Individuals not part of a Chess Club may also participate.

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STMM players registration STMM students interested in registering should sign up for the tournament after a Chess Club meeting on January 29rd or by contacting **James Serino at serinojp@aol.com.**

Miscellaneous Players should wear a uniform top, chess club shirt or PE shirt with their school name.

Proctors are always needed. It would be helpful if each school or group can provide 1-2 people to act in this capacity.

If possible, please bring the labeled chess sets from your club. This will maximize our playing time.

Parents, or a designated chaperone, are responsible for their children at all times.

Parent Tip: Bring a book, newspaper, knitting, etc to have while you are waiting for your child (Parents are **not** permitted in the school building during matches).

STMM address 625 Magdala Place, Apex NC 27502

Awards Awards include:

- First place trophy for each grade division
 - Second and third place medals for each grade division
 - Ribbons for each participant
 - Presentation of the Team Trophy to the winning team
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Eligibility

All players must be able to play independently; without any help. The playing room is open **ONLY** to designated Proctors and students engaged in a game.

Young players must be able to play on their own, without any help. Proctors will be on hand to help with rules, checkmate, and illegal moves but the children should have a working knowledge of the game.

If you are not sure if your child is ready for his or her first tournament, ask your Chess Club Director for a recommendation.

Tournaments are a great experience for children but losing can sometimes be devastating, especially to a five-year-old. Use this opportunity to work with your child and prepare them to be good winners and gracious losers. We expect to see handshakes and “good game” at the end of a game.
