



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Greetings! My daughter, Hannah is a new 5th grade student at Nativity this year. For the past six years I have sponsored a chess club at her former school and I have received permission to do the same at Nativity. It has proven to be very popular with both students and parents. The Nativity Chess Club will start this month and operate through the remainder of the school year in May. Students in grades 3-8 are encouraged to join. **BEGINNERS WITH NO EXPERIENCE ARE WELCOME.** In considering whether to have your child participate, please note two important points (1) **the Nativity Chess Club will meet on Saturday mornings from 8:30-10:00**, and (2) **children will be required to commit to attending a certain number of club meetings (with a certain number of allotted absences).** Consistent attendance is important as we build upon the skill sets learned at each club meeting.

The kids have almost universally enjoyed the club's format. I use an interactive computer program (Majestic Chess) to teach the kids some of the most basic introductory skills progressing to far more advanced skills. The skills will be taught about 50% of the time through the use of the computer-generated graphics and tutorials which, if successfully passed, allow the students to earn points and pieces in which to vanquish their opponents in a medieval knights and dragons format. The other 50% of the time will be spent with actual playing chess time during club. Cathy and I will provide all club members with their own portable chess set to keep and each club member who has a PC (not MAC) will receive their own personal copy of the computer program.

I hope to have several surprises in store for the kids throughout the year. For example, the other chess club that I sponsor will be hosting an interschool tournament in the spring and I plan to open it up to aspiring members of the Nativity Chess Club. We will also have a Nativity only tournament held in the spring.

Unfortunately, space will be limited so please respond to Amor Paulson at [apaulson@nativityschool.org](mailto:apaulson@nativityschool.org) as soon as possible. We will initially only take 20 members. Email me at [dfuller@morganlewis.com](mailto:dfuller@morganlewis.com) with any questions or comments. I look forward to instilling the love of chess in your children.

Best regards,  
David Fuller