



Chess Club

Chess players from beginning to advanced are invited to learn how to play chess and improve their skills by joining The Ambrose School Chess Club.

Why join Chess Club? Studies indicate that children's academic performance can improve significantly when participating regularly in chess. Benefits include increased:

- Concentration, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- Imagination and creativity.
- Logical reasoning and pattern recognition.
- Strategic, long-term thinking and complex decision making.

Goals for your child. In chess club, we focus on:

- Clear understanding — learning the basic rules of chess.
- How to win — basic tactics, opening, middle, and end game theory.
- Evaluation skills — learning chess notation.
- Strategy — through analyzing an opponent's position.
- Sportsmanship — proper chess etiquette, win or lose.

Students are encouraged to attend local tournaments where they compete against students from other schools across the valley. Representing The Ambrose School as part of a chess team helps instill values such as teamwork, cooperation, and unity.

About the Chess Teachers

David Baumann has many years of experience as a chess dad and coach. He is certified as a Local Chess Coach through the U.S. Chess Federation. **Ellen Baumann** is the school librarian and taught all four of her sons to play chess before they started Kindergarten. Together, they work to promote scholastic chess in the Treasure Valley through the Western Idaho Scholastic Chess League (WISCL).

To register, use this form: <https://forms.gle/t1fTQJ25A83sPJPdA>

Grades 3-6 meet **Tuesdays from 2:15-3:00pm** beginning **August 31st**.

Grades 1-3 meet **Thursdays from 2:15-3:00pm** beginning **September 2nd**.

- Beginning 3rd graders should register for the Thursday Club; returning 3rd graders for Tuesdays.

Fees: \$160 per semester for one student.

**\$300 per semester for two students / \$420 for three
Scholarships available.**

Please make checks payable to David or Ellen Baumann

Questions? Contact Ellen Baumann, chess coordinator, at chess@theambroseschool.org.

