



Carson Chess Club and Team – 2011-2012 **“Welcome to the Game of Kings”**

Club: The James Carson Chess Club was created in 2004 by James Hall and Thomas McDonald in an effort to introduce young children to the wonderful world of chess. Chess participation has proven to result in children with higher math scores, improved critical thinking, and positive character development. The club has maintained an annual membership of over 100 students. To date, 728 Carson students have learned the game of chess. Although Mr. McDonald has retired, we are continuing the Chess Club tradition.

The Carson Chess Club meets on Wednesdays after school, 3-4 p.m. in Mrs. Mac’s class – D111. The Club is open to all 3rd through 5th graders who are interested in learning and playing chess.

The schedule for the Carson Chess Club is listed below.

3rd Grade

(Wednesday)

September 14

4th & 5th Grade

(Wednesdays)

September 21

September 28	October 5
October 12	October 19
October 26	November 2
November 9	November 16
November 30	December 7
January 4	January 11
January 18	January 25
February 1	February 8
February 15	February 22
February 29	March 7
March 21	April 4
April 11	April 18
May 2	May 9

Note: Chess Club meetings will end on May 9. In addition, chess club meetings cannot be held on STAAR testing days.

Mrs. McNallen, Coach

James Carson Chess Club

Useful Chess Sites: The following chess sites contain information that may be useful to the weekend players.

<http://www.uschess.org/> This is the site for the United States Chess Federation, which governs the rules and regulations for chess playing in the USA. The site contains useful information on scholastic chess and playing in rated tournaments. For USCF members, you can check your record to see your current rating and tournament history.

<http://www.texaschess.org/> This is the site for the Texas Chess Association.

This site contains information on tournaments and places to play in Texas.

<http://home.roadrunner.com/~sachess/> This is the site for the San Antonio Chess Club. This site contains information on tournaments in the local area and places to play in San Antonio. Most of the tournaments listed are for adult players, but they sometimes list scholastic information.

<http://www.chessforeducation.com/> This is the “Chess for Education” site run by Mr. E.C. Chase. Mr. Chase is a long-time scholastic chess coach and is an advocate for using chess in the schools. His site contains information on why chess is good for the education system. In addition, he is tournament director of several local tournaments, including the biggest San Antonio scholastic event which is the Martin Luther King, Jr. tournament held each January.

<http://www.chessineducation.com/> This is the “Chess in Education” site maintained by Mr. Al Woolum, a long-time supporter of scholastic chess and an author of several chess books, including “The Chess Tactics Workbook”. Mr. Woolum sells chess equipment at wholesale prices so if you are looking at starting a chess club or just upgrading your equipment, I recommend that you start your purchases here.