



Class Introduction-Chess

Fall 2016

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SUNDAY

Aug.27-Dec.17 (16 weeks)

Sunday Schedule

- Chess Beginner
9:30-10:30pm
- Chess
Intermediate/Advanced
> 10:30-11:30

"For Students of both classes, tournament can be a good way to improve and reviewing their games also a great way for me to teach. " If you need more details about the tournament, please come and try our class.

To Register:

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About the Coach-Ray Yu

Ray, a student of Memorial High School. He will start 11th grade in the coming fall semester. He loves chess along many other hobbies, but chess easily stands out as the biggest part of his life. **It helps improve the memory and focus your mind.**

He started learning chess late compared to most great chess players. In 5th grade, He showed strong interest for the hobby and began my journey with a local Houston chess coach. When studying at Memorial Middle School, He made a little chess club on campus, in hopes of sharing the fun to fellow students. Around that same time, He earned 2 city co-champions in the Amateur section. In 2017, He earned the Houston city co-champion in the open (highest) section.

Now, He is a 1st category chess player with a current USCF (United States Chess Federation) rating of 2055, a ranking that has earned him **the "Expert" title**. He is standing at NO. 65 among all USA chess players of age 16.

Personally, He thinks chess is a lot more than a small skill. **It can help train the skill of "learning" and intuitive thinking. After a player gets into competitions, it'll even open up an entire new community for them to be in and learn from.** It's honestly a fun and beneficial activity that every student should try to learn.

About the Class

➤ Beginner

Chess is a difficult activity; one that requires practice and competition. For the beginner class, we'll cover the very basics of chess. These include:

- Rules of chess
- Setting up a board
- Chess notation
- How to move pieces
- Piece values
- Basic concepts (Opening/Middle game Ideas)

➤ Intermediate/Advanced

For the advanced class, we'll assume that the student knows the basics, and continue to build on top of those skills. We'll work on:

- Basic endgames
- Strengths of pieces
- Open vs. Closed positions
- Tactics and calculation
- Pawn structures