



St. Teresa Mighty Pawns Chess Team



Welcome to the first meetings of St. Teresa's Mighty Pawns Chess Team for the 2014-2015 School Year! Students from 1st Grade through 8th Grade are welcome to attend, and you **do not** need to know how to play chess. Here are a few items of interest for students and their parents:

- The meetings in September – on Thursday, September 11, 18, and 25, will be **only for those new to the St. Teresa Chess Team**. We will be meeting in the Parish Center from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.
- **All** Chess Team members – new and returning – will meet in the **Parish Center** on Thursdays starting October 2, from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.
- If there are any parents who know how to play chess (don't need to be an expert!) and are available to assist during Thursday afternoons in providing guidance to small groups of chess students, your help would be greatly appreciated. **Since this will be my last year coaching the St. Teresa Mighty Pawns, any parents or grandparents interested in picking up the coaching for the team next year is most welcome to come to the meetings as time permits this year to follow along with the chess team's practices.**
- Chess tournaments will be held on Saturday mornings generally once a month beginning later in the year. Details on specific dates are still to be worked out. Each school will be taking turns hosting a tournament. Parents from the hosting school provide snacks at the tournaments and help work the tournament.
- With everyone's busy schedules, you are welcome to come to as many Thursday afternoon meetings as you are able to attend. The same is true for the Saturday tournaments once they get going.
- For anyone who would like to purchase one of the tournament chess sets, they are available at the U.S. Chess Federation's online shop (www.uscfsales.com). Checking the website, the cost starts at about \$20 each for a set with pieces, roll-up board, and carrying case. I may be placing an order for equipment early in the year (end of September), so please let me know if you are interested in purchasing a set. There is a discount on the equipment prices as the order size increases. If you do purchase a tournament chess set, **please** bring it with you on tournament days!
- **All new** chess team members will need to purchase a chess shirt this year. Cost is expected to be approximately \$12. Details are still being finalized.
- **If your child will be participating in Thursday practices or Saturday tournaments, we will need the phone number of a parent or guardian where you can be reached between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, and on the Saturdays when tournaments are held between 8:00 a.m. and noon.**

Thank you,
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Please detach and return to Mrs. Sullivan:

My child _____ Grade _____ is interested in participating in chess this year.

Parent Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____