



“Chess is the gymnasium of the mind.” – Blaise Pascal

Dear Parents,  
Welcome back to our chess enrichment program at **Thomas Edison Middle School** sponsored by **Sioux Empire Chess Foundation**. The Program is designed and taught by a highly qualified teacher, Grandmaster and U.S. Champion, Camilla Baginskaite.

In the first seven years of our program here in Sioux Falls we held **weekly chess classes** in nine Elementary and two Middle Schools, organized summer **chess camps** and ran **about fifty nationally recognized chess tournaments**. Over **seventy of our students** have become members of the **U.S. Chess Federation**.

South Dakota is now represented in both the Barber Middle School and the Denker High School National Championships.

Our first meeting of the **Winter-Spring Semester** is on **January 6th**.

A few of the benefits of playing chess:

- Learn good sportsmanship
- Develop friendships
- Fun
- Improved thinking skills: long- and short-term planning, analyzing options, recognition of consequences, coordination of multiple resources, and many more. Also, studies have proven that the more a person uses his or her brain, the stronger and better at *all* thinking skills become.

Coach:

Women Grandmaster  
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**Chess club will meet on Fridays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in MP Art - 142.**

Parents are responsible for transportation afterward

**The Dates:** January 6, 13, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 4, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19 and 26.

For more info visit our website at <http://www.sdchess.org/index.php/scholastic-k12>

Yes, please sign me up for chess club.

Include payment of \$216 for the full 18-class schedule or pay in installments: \$72 for the first six meetings, then \$72 for the next six, then the balance of \$72. There is a 50 % discount for siblings.

Make checks payable to the Sioux Empire Chess Foundation or S.E.C.F.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Classes canceled due to weather-related school closings are not re-scheduled or reimbursed.**