

# Join the 2017-2018 Hunter Chess Club!

Whether your child is just learning to play chess, enjoyed a Hunter chess elective, or is an experienced tournament player, the **Hunter Chess Club** is a great way to have fun, learn, and play lots of chess! Playing chess can improve academic skills such as analysis, creativity, and reasoning and can enhance life skills such as perseverance, resilience, and assertiveness. Our chess club is sponsored by the Hunter PTA, led by a team of enthusiastic parent volunteers, and is open to all Hunter students.



**When and where:** We meet on Wednesday afternoons at Hunter from 3:45–4:45 p.m. during the school year.

**What we do:** Each week we learn new chess skills and practice them by playing chess. We use ChessKid.com to practice and play each other between meetings. Our club plays as a team in local US Chess Federation (USCF) tournaments including the Triangle and NC Chess Championships. We also organize our own tournaments.

**Cost:** We will collect an activity fee of \$30 per student, which will provide each student with a 1-year USCF membership and a 1-year ChessKid Gold subscription. *Financial aid is available.*

**Parent Commitment:** Parents commit to volunteer at least once each school year per child who is participating. No chess experience required. Sign-ups are available throughout the year.

**Questions?** Please contact Laura Shepherd at [lpsherp@gmail.com](mailto:lpsherp@gmail.com) or find us at the Fall 2017 Hunter Open House.

## Chess Club Registration Form

(Please return this form and the \$30 activity fee in an envelope marked "Chess Club" to the front desk in the Hunter main office. Checks should be made out to Hunter PTA with Chess Club and student's name in the memo line.)

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2017-18 Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have allergies or other medical conditions that Chess Club volunteers need to know about? Please explain.

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Would your child benefit from introductory chess lessons (basic rules, how each piece moves, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your family need financial aid to cover the Chess Club fee? \_\_\_\_\_

### Permissions and Signature

I give permission for chess club photos that include my child but do not mention my child's name to be posted on the school website.

If my child wins an individual or team chess award, I give permission for his/her name to be published.

I give permission for a group chess photo to be published that includes my child.

I commit to volunteer at least once this school year per child that I have in the club.

Parent / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_