

# The 4th Annual Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh Catholic School Chess Invitational

All Catholic school students from kindergarten to grade eight are cordially invited to participate in a chess tournament held at Aquinas Academy on Saturday, March 10, 2018 starting at 4:30 p.m. All levels of ability are welcome to compete and there is plenty of space for family and friends to attend. This year's tournament is organized by Mr. Michael Burchill, Director of the Aquinas Academy Chess Club and Assistant Head of School.



**Date and Location:** Saturday March 10, at the Aquinas Academy Rhodora J. Donahue Building, 2308 West Hardies Road, Gibsonia, PA, 15044. The school is 5 minutes from the Route 8 exit of the PA turnpike.

**Sections:** Tentative groupings are as follows but may be adjusted based on entries:

- Division I: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Division II: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Division III: 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Division IV: K-1<sup>st</sup> grade

**Format:** Each participant plays four games (approximately 30 minutes each game) unless given a “bye.” Unfinished games will be judged by the tournament director. Players will be paired with those of similar records after each round to promote competitive matches.



**Awards:** Numerous trophies and medals will be given to the top finishers in each division. A special award will be given for the highest placing girl in every division. Every kindergarten participant will receive an award regardless of performance.

**Schedule:** Students should bring a chess set and report to the school gym by 4:15 p.m. for brief announcements. The matches should end by about 7:00 p.m. and the award ceremony will follow after the places have been determined. Food will be on sale throughout the tournament.

**Cost:** Entry fee is \$10 per student. Final deadline for entries is Friday, March 2. A registration form is included on the next page.

**Questions?** For additional information including tournament updates and directions please visit our website at <http://www.aquinasacademy.info/events/ChessInvitational.php>  
You may also contact Mike Burchill at [burchill@aquinas.pvt.k12.pa.us](mailto:burchill@aquinas.pvt.k12.pa.us) or call 724-444-0722 x17.

I look forward to seeing you there!

# Aquinas Academy Catholic School Chess Invitational Registration Form

Please complete all the information requested below. Entry fee is \$10/student due by March 2.

Name _____
Grade _____      Boy/Girl (please circle)
School _____

Name _____
Grade _____      Boy/Girl (please circle)
School _____

Name _____
Grade _____      Boy/Girl (please circle)
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Grade _____      Boy/Girl (please circle)
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Contact name and phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Aquinas Academy", c/o Mr. Michael Burchill, Aquinas Academy, 2308 West Hardies Road, Gibsonsia, PA 15044.