

The 5th Annual Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh Catholic Schools Chess Invitational

All Catholic school students from kindergarten to grade eight are cordially invited to participate in a chess tournament held at Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh on Saturday, March 9, 2019 starting at 1:30 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 9, 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: 6th-8th grade
- Division II: 4th-5th grade
- Division III: 2nd-3rd grade
- Division IV: K-1st 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 or his assistants. Chess coaches that would like to assist with judging should contact 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 1:15 p.m. for brief announcements. The matches should end by about 4:00 p.m. and the award ceremony will follow after the places have been determined. Concessions will be available throughout the tournament.

Cost: Entry fee is \$10 per student. Final deadline for entries is Friday, March 1. 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 or call 724-444-0722 x17.

Aquinas Academy Catholic Schools Chess Invitational Registration Form

Please complete all the information requested below. Entry fee is \$10/student due by March 1.

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

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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.