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SCHOLASTICS: *The Soul of the Chess Club*

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The French composer and chess master, François-André Danican Philidor, is credited with one of the most memorable maxims in chess history: “Pawns are the soul of chess.” Here on the Chess Campus, we often say that scholastics are the soul of the Saint Louis Chess Club.

The scholastic department launched when the Club opened. As it became clear that the Club was poised to become a major force in chess both here in the city and beyond, the decision was made that the benefits of chess should be made available to the city’s school children, especially kids from families that couldn’t afford to pay for private lessons.

This new arm of the Club started out modestly, providing chess instruction via a handful of after-school programs in and around the city. But as the Club quickly grew in size and stature, it became apparent that the scholastic department needed to match that pace.

In the fall semester of 2014, the Club taught 52 classes weekly in 44 schools reaching nearly 700 students. Three years later, in the fall semester of 2017, over 200 weekly classes were taught in over 80 schools with approximately 2,500 students attending.

Part of this dramatic growth is thanks to the generous board and donors of the Club who have supported the scholastic program with significant financial and operational support. Their backing empowered the Club to offer free chess instruction to the Saint Louis Public School system beginning in 2016. Ascension has underwritten the Ferguson-Florissant school district since 2015 and Emerson has done the same for the Jennings school district. Several independent low-income schools are also sponsored by the Club’s giving network.

The Club’s scholastic offerings go well beyond school-based chess instruction. Since its launch in 2011, and thanks to the leadership of Dr. Jeanne Sinquefield, over 170,000 Boy Scouts have earned the Chess Merit Badge nationwide. Our bi-monthly Merit Badge workshops at the Club regularly attract 30-40 Scouts. In 2016, we saw the advent of a monthly scholastic tournament series in partnership with Saint Louis University, who hosts over half of events on their campus.

The Club additionally enlists experts in education and public policy to administer and curate our research on the benefits of playing chess for school children. Our research partners have devised qualitative surveys that consist-

ently demonstrate the positive effects of chess in the classroom. These effects include increased self-esteem, greater aptitude for difficult tasks and higher likelihood of attendance on days that offer chess classes.

These experts have also been key collaborators on the Club’s development of a set of complete educational standards for chess and a matching curriculum. Initial testing of these standards is underway in the classroom with the scholastic faculty, who currently number thirty-four teachers. Our instructors providing invaluable feedback on the curriculum and contribute ideas for additional components. We would be remiss in not acknowledging Grandmaster Maurice Ashley’s efforts in creating this “gold-standard” of instructional chess resources.

The scholastic team is justifiably proud of its accomplishments over the past decade, which also include a robust offering of chess summer camps, both fee- and scholarship-based. We have reached impressive milestones in our first ten years, and we have many more ambitious goals to reach. Stay tuned to see what the next ten years will bring. We’re going for great in 2028!

Scholastic Chess and Student Outcomes: *What the Research Says*

**BY BRIAN KISIDA AND
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Saint Louis Chess Club

Scholastic chess is a common and growing element of school curriculums across the globe, and it is currently compulsory in Poland and Armenia. In the United States, chess has been introduced into the school day in places like Success Academy’s network of charter schools in New York City, as well as the Broward County, Florida school district.

Saint Louis Public Schools joined the ranks of scholastic chess pioneers in 2016 by partnering with the Saint Louis Chess Club to offer chess during the school day in more than 100 classrooms.

Educators and policymakers who are looking to bring chess into their schools are motivated by more than creating the next generation of competitive grandmasters. Chess is much more than a game, they argue. Chess teaches students to think more critically, improves concentration, increases executive functioning, and aids in spatial reasoning and pattern recognition.

A growing body of research confirms these claims. A systematic review of studies examining the overall impact of scholastic chess on students finds that it has a positive impact on cognitive outcomes and academic ability generally, with stronger benefits in mathematics performance in particular. At the

same time, only a fraction of existing studies adhere to rigorous “gold-standard” experimental methodologies, or even quasi-experimental approaches.

One such “gold-standard” study in Italy found positive math achievement effects for primary school students. Similarly, a recent quasi-experimental study in Denmark found that replacing one traditional math lesson with a math lesson based on chess instruction improved math test scores. Of particular note, the Dutch researchers found that the impacts from chess were larger for children who were unhappy or bored in school.

Such findings bolster theories that chess has benefits greater than just student achievement and may extend to so-called non-cognitive skills. Many educators believe that scholastic chess increases concentration, builds self-confidence, and raises student engagement. Research in Ferguson-Florissant and Saint Louis Public Schools bears this out.

Students in those scholastics chess programs report that chess has taught them they can complete difficult tasks if they work hard, and has made them more confident they can learn difficult material. They also report that they look forward to school more on days when they have chess, suggesting the game may be a valuable tool to combat chronic absenteeism. This is important because recent research in edu-

cation finds that non-cognitive skills are important predictors of later-life outcomes.

The cognitive benefits of chess may also be of value beyond the classroom setting. Some psychologists and educators speculate that it may be valuable for students with autism. Others have suggested that there may be benefits that counteract the social, physical, and mental effects of aging in elderly populations. Limited research has linked chess to lower rates of dementia.

The Chess Club is partnering with researchers at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine in studying the benefits of chess for early stage Alzheimer’s patients.

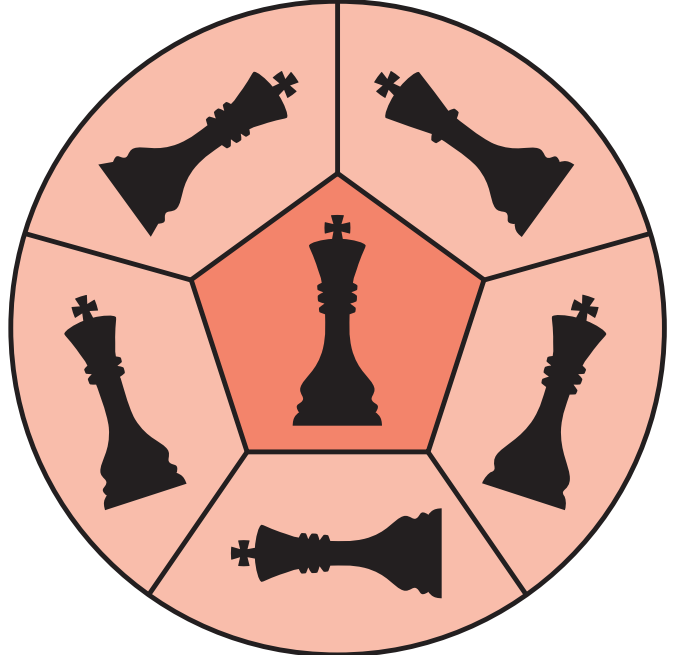
On balance, the existing research base demonstrates that chess has many promising benefits for students, but there is much more to be learned. Strong foundational knowledge about the implementation and measurement of chess in schools is an essential step forward. Future randomized studies that rigorously measure the impact of chess in schools, across a broad range of outcomes and with a high-degree of implementation fidelity, will be essential additions to the state of scholastic chess research. Researchers working with the scholastic team at the Saint Louis Chess Club will be adding to this literature in coming years.

CHESS SUDOKU

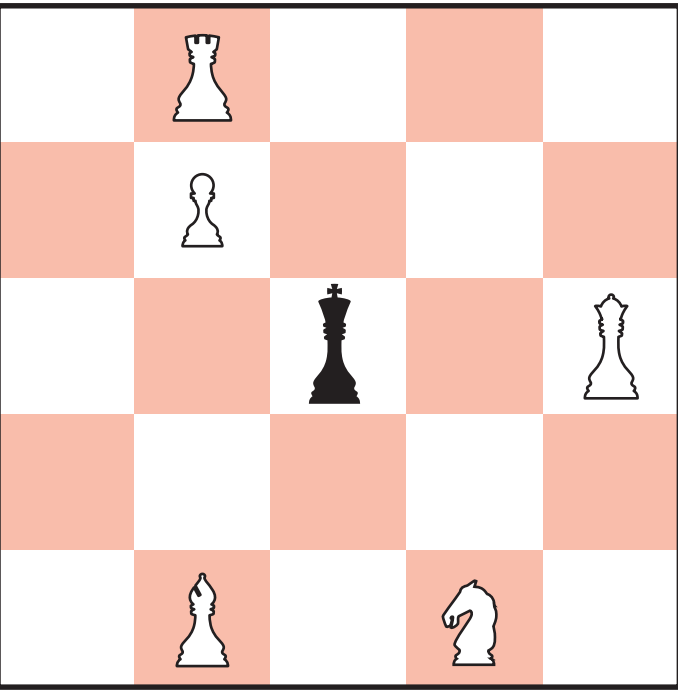
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Crown Jewel

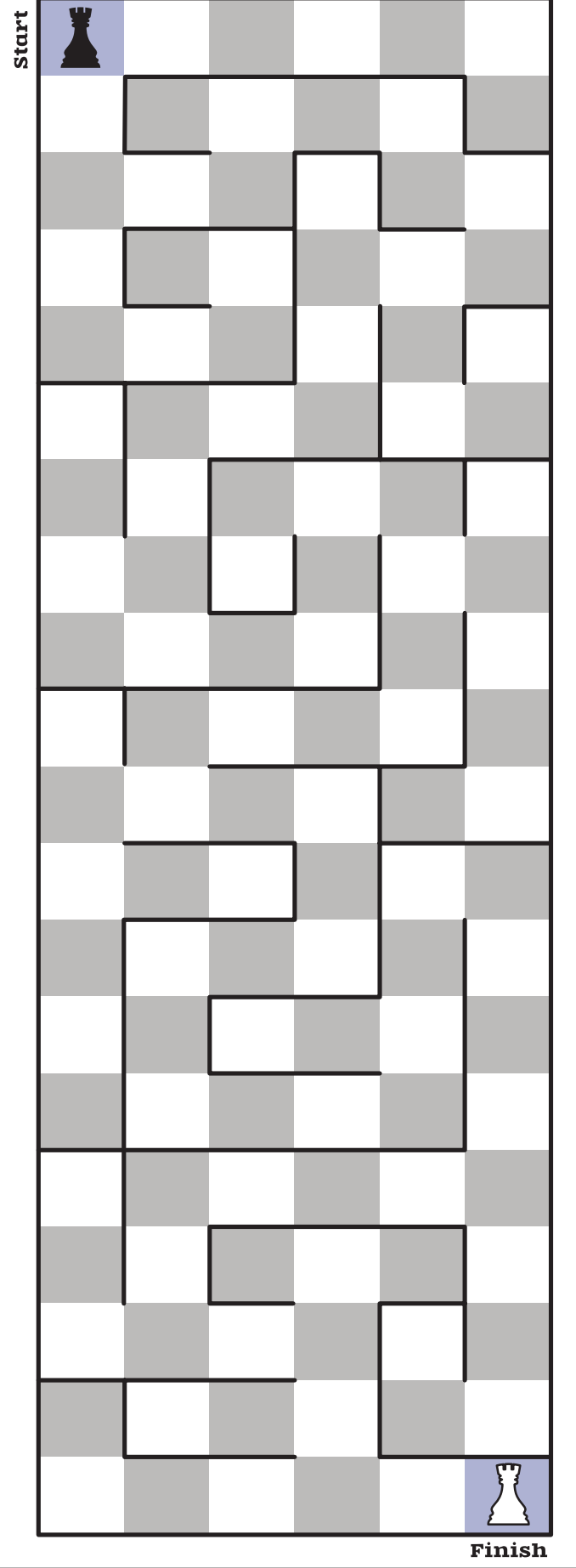
The king’s image can be seen in the many angles of his crown jewel: **circle the two identical kings**.



Where can the black king move to escape capture?



Rook Maze



The knight looks like a horse and often has a decorative mane. Draw your own crazy mane or wig on these knights.

Circle the Queens

Word Search

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Q	O	U	I	U	N	W	V	knight
U	O	H	E	S	A	I	F	rook
A	R	E	X	P	H	J	K	chess
R	N	G	W	M	B	O	Y	pawn
E	K	N	I	G	H	T	P	square
S	S	E	H	C	P	E	P	king
U	F	G	R	S	V	J	Z	queen

Your Move Chess: Ascension Partnership Elevates Ferguson-Florissant School Students

BY NICK RAGONE
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On behalf of Ascension, we would like to congratulate the Saint Louis Chess Club for an extraordinary ten years of making a difference in our community.

Thanks to the Chess Club—and Rex Sinquefield’s vision—Saint Louis is now the epicenter of chess in the United States, and arguably the world.

This has benefited Saint Louis in a myriad of ways: attracting some of the world’s elite players to relocate to Saint Louis; establishing the premier chess event—the Sinquefield Cup—in our city; revitalizing the game, not only in Saint Louis but around the United States; and strengthening the college programs at Webster and Saint Louis University.

But where the Chess Club has had the greatest impact is with elementary and middle school children—introducing them to this wonderful game, exciting them about the prospects of learning and competing, inspiring them to imagine how the

pieces on the board can work to accomplish a goal.

We at Ascension are grateful for our partnership with the Chess Club in creating the Your Move program to serve underserved school districts that would like to offer chess to their students. It began with the Ferguson school district, and has gradually expanded to other communities, including in Chicago and Nashville!

Now in the third year of the program, we’ve been fortunate to touch thousands of local students who might not otherwise be exposed to competitive chess and all it has to offer. The program is teaching them chess, but as one student noted, the same lessons apply to life: thinking ahead, being both patient and resourceful, developing a long-term strategy, weighing the risks and benefits of every decision.

Not every student in the Your Move program will become a Grandmaster, or even an elite player, but hopefully they’ll all take away a life-long love of the game, of learning, of all that it has to offer, both on the board and in the game of life.



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Ascension Partnership Kick-off Event, September 2015.

Boy Scouts of America Chess Merit Badge

BY EMILY ALLRED
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September 2016 marked the five-year anniversaries of two important events on the Saint Louis Chess Campus—the opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF) and the launch of the Boy Scout Chess Merit Badge.

These milestones would not have been possible without the vision, leadership, and support of Dr. Jeanne Sinquefield. She and her husband Rex founded the Saint Louis Chess Club (STLCC) in 2008, and in 2011, they provided the funding to move the WCHOF to Saint Louis, creating the foundation for the city’s eventual designation as the national chess capital of the United States. At the same time that preparations were being made for the opening of the WCHOF, Jeanne was leading the process to create the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) chess merit badge.

Involved with the organization for 30 years, Jeanne Sinquefield is passionate about the BSA and the benefits that it provides to participants. When she learned that there had been discussions of creating a chess merit badge for 40 years, but it had not yet been realized, she dedicated herself to making it a reality. Through her friend Christina Gables, the Troop Committee Chair for Troop 400 of the Western Los Angeles Council, she was able to contact the National Executive Board and worked with Janice Downey, Senior Program Innovation Manager, to begin the process of creating the badge. Ralph Bowman,



Determined to create an experience that the first 20 scouts to receive the chess merit badge would remember for the rest of their lives, she contacted NASA to request that astronaut Greg Chamitoff attend the launch. In September 2008, Chamitoff had begun the first Earth vs. Space chess match while on the International Space Station (and completed the game after his return, finally conceding in December 2009).

He played against the third grade U.S. Chess Championship Team and its chess club teammates from Stevenson Elementary School in Bellevue, Washington, but people around the world could vote on the Earth team’s moves.

When this request was approved, Jeanne set to work training the first 20 recipi-

ents of the merit badge, who were members of the Great Rivers and Greater St. Louis Area Councils, so that they could receive the badge on the day of its launch. She also coordinated with the STLCC and the WCHOF to make the event part of the WCHOF’s opening weekend, organizing a human chess game with the Boy Scouts as pieces and Grandmasters Ben Finegold and Hikaru Nakamura as the kings. Participants reenacted the Earth vs. Space game, which was reinterpreted by commentators Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan and chess champion and author Jennifer Shahade as a draw. Chamitoff gave the chess merit badge to the 15 scouts in attendance. Spectrum Studios documented the historic event.

Though the chess merit badge launch is tied to our opening, the Saint Louis Chess Campus has continued to be involved with the BSA. On July 13, 2016, we honored Kayden Troff, the first grandmaster to also earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a distinction received by only 4% of scouts. Troff’s Eagle Scout project involved facilitating a chess camp for children with disabilities. The STLCC also teaches workshops for scouts hoping to earn the chess merit badge. As of April 1, 2018 over 170,000 boy scouts and counting have earned the chess merit badge, making it one of the fastest growing badges in the program.



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From left to right; Boy Scouts of America Chess Merit Badge, 2011. © Boy Scouts of America; Lori Matler, Boy Scouts of America Chess Merit Badge Launch Event, September 10, 2011.

Local

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Saint Louis' Reputation as Chess Capital Grows as Another Grandmaster Makes the City Home

GM Alejandro Ramirez reflects on Saint Louis' thriving chess scene, and recent addition to the city's chess-playing residents.

BY ALEJANDRO RAMIREZ
Grandmaster, Coach of the
Saint Louis University Chess Team

Saint Louis has established itself, without a doubt, as the capital of chess in America. The most important series of tournaments annually, the Grand Chess Tour, has its only North American stop here for the Sinquefield Cup, and the club hosts such important events as the U.S. Championship and U.S. Women’s Championship, which results in great talent migrating to Saint Louis.

The world’s No. 4 player and America’s No. 1 recently decided to move to Saint Louis to live. Fabiano Caruana is definitely a super star in the chess world, and his accolades

are too many to count. His most impressive result was precisely here in Saint Louis, where he started with a historic winning streak of 7-0 in the 2014 Sinquefield Cup, achieving the highest rating performance ever—a record that is still unbroken.

Despite the fact that most major tournaments are still held mainly in Europe, Caruana’s move to Saint Louis seemed natural. “It’s a great place to live for a chess player,” said Caruana, who is also the current U.S. Champion.

It isn’t only Caruana who is moving to the Gateway to the West. With the Saint Louis University chess team starting in a couple of weeks, three additional grandmasters will

be calling Saint Louis home. Darius Swiercz from Poland; Francesco Rambaldi from Italy/France and Yaroslav Zherebukh from Texas will also be frequent guests at the Saint Louis Chess Club.

The Club is becoming a magnet for chess talent. Players looking to seriously improve their game are moving to the city with a high concentration of grandmasters and international masters. With the addition of Caruana, the SLU team, and Susan Polgar’s Webster University team, Saint Louis will have one of the highest concentrations of grandmasters in the world.

Caruana is playing in the 2016 edition of the Sinquefield Cup, and has started with five draws. I asked

him if he felt any pressure as he is now the “local boy,” but he said when a tournament starts, he simply focuses completely.

The schedule doesn’t get any easier for the new Saint Louisan: he will be spending some here in the city training before his next big event, representing the USA in the 2016 Chess Olympiad, which begins September 1st, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

With Fabiano’s recent transfer to the USA and as the top board, America’s chances to medal are quite significant. Competition will be stiff, however, because the Russian team will be sending a very strong contingent. The reigning champions from China, are always extremely well prepared.

“With the revitalization of American chess, lead by America’s top-10 trio of Caruana, Nakamura, and So, fans across the country will be rooting for a red, white, and blue gold [medal] at the Olympiad,” said the Club’s executive director, Tony Rich.

Fabiano’s move to Saint Louis has come as no big surprise, and I would expect that many more talented youth, grandmasters and aspiring chess professionals will be making their way to the chess capital of America.

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Clockwise, from top: GM Fabiano Caruana at the 2017 Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz tournament; GM Varuzhan Akobian at the Opening Reception of *Open Files II: Celebrating 5 Years of Collecting*, 2016; GMs Wesley So and Akshat Chandra record games on a DGT Board at the Opening Reception of *The Imagery of Chess: Saint Louis Artists*, 2017.



Chess Pocket Parks Popping Up

BY RYAN CHESTER
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The Saint Louis Chess Club has several Pocket Parks scattered throughout the city. A Chess Pocket Park is a small designated area that is provided for public use to play chess. Our first Pocket Park was built by hand in the “Old North” neighbor-

“The pocket parks are a way for the Saint Louis Chess Club to immerse itself in communities around the city.”

hood near the legendary ice cream shop, Crown Candy. At this Pocket Park, we gave weekly instruction and had pieces available for the public to play.

“[The] Chess Pocket Park is sustainable not only because of designs to keep it low maintenance, but it also substantially provides the community with something they

didn’t have before, something that makes the whole surrounding community better,” said Nancy Rodney, the Old North project’s manager from the Rosemann group. “The idea is finding places where young people are supported, you give them something that has great tangible benefits, and then you use that to attract other families into the neighbor-

hood. It’s a win-win in terms of sustainability, in many ways.”

Our next Pocket Park was built in the world-famous Forest Park near the Steinberg Ice Skating Rink. We held a ribbon cutting ceremony and invited local Boy Scouts to help us celebrate!

The Pocket Parks are a way for the Saint Louis

Park Forever President Lesley Hoffarth says the partnership is a natural fit. “The skills you learn from that are transferable to so many different areas. And having something like this partnership—the chess tables in Forest Park—are only going to strengthen Forest Park’s ties within the community.”

In 2017 we built another



Ribbon cutting ceremony at Francis Park in Saint Louis Hills.

pocket park in south Saint Louis Hills at one of the oldest parks in Saint Louis, Francis Park.

Francis Park has special meaning to the Club as it is located near our founder’s alma mater, Bishop DuBourg. STLCC Assistant Manager

Mike Kummer is also a graduate of Bishop DuBourg, and St. Gabriel’s School, which boasts Club Manager Ryan Chester as an alumnus, is at the other corner of the park. The chess tables are located near the tennis courts, so when you are done exercis-

ing your mind you can easily exercise your other muscles!

Our next Pocket Park opening in 2018 will be at the historic Grand Center Arts District, located near the Fox Theater, Saint Louis University, and Jazz at the Bistro.

C.H.E.S.S. Cops! City of St. Louis Police Work with Students in Public Schools

“Cops Helping Enhance Student Skills – or C.H.E.S.S.”

BY SCHRON JACKSON
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The current climate of community and police relations in our country has forced law enforcement agencies to examine what tactics work well and what areas pose challenges. Officers work extremely hard day in and day out to keep the citizens of our community safe. However, the focus on building relationships while performing their jobs should also be a priority and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is committed to finding opportunities to build better community relationships, especially with youth. Now, they are doing so through chess.

So, when the SLMPD was approached by the St. Louis Police Foundation with a plan for interacting with students

in a unique setting, the police welcomed the opportunity. After months of conceptualizing, planning and training, the Saint Louis Cops Helping Enhance Student Skills—or C.H.E.S.S.—program became a reality.

The program is a collaborative effort between the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, the Saint Louis Chess Club and the St. Louis Public Schools. The initiative, which started February 22, 2017 pairs Saint Louis police officers with students to teach them the game of chess.

“Our officers are so excited to be a part of this program,” said Lt. Perri Johnson. “It is critical for law enforcement to establish positive relationships with members of the Saint Louis community early on, and this program helps us do just that.”

At this point, eight police officers have gone through a certification process to

become accredited chess instructors. Once certified, the police officers teach fundamental chess elements to students. The curriculum incorporates lessons on critical thinking, planning and logic. The program is also designed to foster positive relationships between the police department and the community. After all, by playing chess both students and officers interact in an environment where they may not otherwise have a chance to meet. During the chess matches, officers and students sit across from one another and learn about each other.

“Saint Louis C.H.E.S.S. Cops truly exhibits the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis’s positive involvement in the community and current affairs,” said Tony Rich, STLCC executive director. “It is a prime example of how chess can teach fundamental



Officer Nate McCraw enjoying a chess game with St. Louis Public School students.

lessons, build constructive relationships and ultimately make a difference in the lives of young people.”

While there are a number of sports programs that connect youth and police officers, not every child is athletically inclined. Introducing chess to students provides yet another opportunity for

positive interactions on a different level.

“We are very pleased to see organizations like the Saint Louis Chess Club working to promote programs that actively involve our city’s youth,” said Kelvin Adams, superintendent of the St. Louis Public Schools. “Chess gives our students

a constructive outlet. Now, when our students see a police officer, we hope they will see a mentor.”

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Chess in the Community



- 2017 U.S. Chess Championship Community Day.
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- Normandy School Field Trip, 2017.
- Simul at Vogt Elementary, 2017.
- GM Maurice Ashley visits St. Louis Juvenile Detention Center, 2017.
- GM Eric Rosen gives simul at Vogt Elementary, 2015.
- Visitors to the Saint Louis Chess Club play chess on outdoor chess tables, 2017.



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Chess Club Hosts Grandmasters in Residence



BY KATERINA NEMCOVA
Woman Grandmaster

The Saint Louis Chess Club has been an incredibly important figure for chess in the United States and Saint Louis is deservedly seen as our Chess Capital. Most chess players know that the STLCC has been promoting chess globally, through elite tournaments, tournament broadcasting, and support of both young talents and top players.

I think it is also very important to highlight the STLCC’s great efforts in teaching our royal game through scholastic programs and the Grandmaster in Residence program. I have never seen the Grandmaster in Residence program implemented anywhere else in the world and I feel fortunate to be part of it.

The STLCC offers classes for players of all ages and levels, opening chess to all people who are interested in playing, learning, improving, or just trying out the game. I think this is by itself wonderful; it doesn’t focus on the smartest and youngest as is common in today’s world. Teaching skilled and focused players and watching their interest and skill improve is as enjoyable for me as teaching young children to pick up on the game and find the sparkle in it.

What I probably enjoy the most the total beginners, those who are hesitant about starting their chess journey and who perceive chess as a game for ‘smart people,’ who come here to try their hands at our beloved game. Their authentic surprise and happiness as they learn to play is beautiful and rewarding. The “Ladies’ Knight” class, intended for female beginners of all ages, is a real success story, helping to shape a new generation of female players who enjoy the game and play it with their friends and family members.

The GM-in-Residence program also provides gratifying experience for the grandmasters and benefits them as well. It is important to understand that when grandmasters play chess, they tend to think about chess in terms of performance and competition. We work hard to play the best possible games and to finish at the top of the table. Viewed only through this narrow perspective, we sometimes forget that chess is not only about results, but also about the appreciation of and love for the game.

The activities at STLCC provide us with a nice reminder. In teaching chess through various weekly lessons, responding to people’s questions, analyzing games with those eager learn, or playing blitz and bughouse, we can “zoom out” and remember how to truly enjoy our royal game.

It also doesn’t hurt that the magnificent facility is a dream come true for chess players. Filled with pictures of historical and modern chess heroes, and with the atmosphere created by the presence of all the chess legends who competed here over the years, the environment in the STLCC fosters the realization that chess is something extremely special, beautiful, and enjoyable. It is much more than wins, titles, or fame.

Last—but certainly not least!—I find it important to stress the professionalism and friendliness of STLCC’s staff. Their attitude and respect for chess and grandmasters makes this Residency program such a unique and excellent program that I feel fortunate to be part of. Thank you, Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield, for supporting and promoting chess, and for changing the way we enjoy chess. Thank you for making it better.



PHOTOS WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME/AUSTIN FULLER

From top to bottom, WGM Katerina Nemcova participates in a Pop-up Chess Demo during the 2016 U.S. Championships; Katerina Nemcova poses with her Ladies’ Knight class in front of the green screen at the opening reception of *POW! Capturing Superheroes, Chess & Comics*, 2017.

Eat Like a King

BY AARON TEITELBAUM
Owner, Kingside Diner

Three years ago, leadership at the Saint Louis Chess Club approached the Herbie’s team with a request. Could we jointly create a restaurant in the vacant space east of the Club? We knew we needed to create a brand concept that would be synergistic with chess and the Saint Louis Chess Campus. With the help of Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield, and the Club’s creative geniuses, we came up with a great concept. The Kingside Diner was born.

We decided that the Diner should be a place where people could play chess, take lessons, learn about the history of chess, and enjoy great food and drink. Today, we have accomplished just that. You can learn about chess in classes managed by the Chess Club in our side room, from displays on the walls, and in the chess library. You

can play chess freely in the chess room or out on the patio that overlooks the campus and the Central West End neighborhood.

We serve a full breakfast and lunch menu seven days a week in a welcoming, unassuming, and friendly manner. Our menus are expansive and expertly executed, and there is a full bar program including specialty cocktails, wines, and milkshakes, among many others.

The Kingside facility has two distinct patios, with one on the roof and one on the front sidewalk. It also has a chess classroom, a private room for up to 12 guests—known fondly as the Bobby Fischer Room—and our large main dining room that seats 90 guests. Reviewers have lauded the service at Kingside as both friendly and efficient.

The team at Kingside quickly became part of the Chess Campus and their amazing team. The Kingside

Diner is involved in events, like the Caissa Club Dinner and the annual Campus Holiday Party. We offer discounts and host commentary during tournaments, and we even help with extra space for World Chess Hall of Fame programs and events.

The Chess Campus in Saint Louis is a truly unique experience, and we’re thrilled to be a part of it. There is not another restaurant concept like this in the world that we know of. We are grateful to Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield for making this possible, and for the support and partnership Joy Bray and the Chess Campus has shown us.

As owner, I couldn’t be more proud of Kingside Diner and to be a part of this one-of-a-kind Chess Campus. It has exceeded all of my expectations and dreams so far, and we look forward to growing the business and the brand with the Saint Louis Chess Campus.



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Rex Sinquefield, Lyda Krewson, and Aaron Teitelbaum perform the ribbon-cutting at Kingside Diner, April 23, 2015.