

The Notator

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Awards and Honors

This year, for the first time, our school club from Resurrection Catholic School participated in the annual IU13 team chess tournament. Four kids participated in the middle school and elementary championship. Shown below, our elementary team tied for third place in the whole region with 20 teams. Logan Wilson, our first board, won all his games and came in first in the tournament.



Coaches' Corner



Rules for Beginning a Chess Game by Mr. Wood

Our major focus in the beginning of games is on basic strategic concepts, not on memorizing openings. The concepts below help a beginner.

1. Do not move the "B" and "C" pawns because they protect the king, especially after king-side castling.
2. Players should move different pieces in the first ten moves.
3. Keep the knight in the center on the board, it is twice as strong.
4. The queen should never attack in the opening.
5. Control the center of the board by moving pawns out first.
6. Never move the king out in front of the pawns.
7. Castle quickly to protect the king and enable the rook to move.

After eight moves, a game is shown below with seven strategic mistakes. Find them!



Our Clubs at a Glance



Summer is a relaxing time for chess. Time is spent recruiting more members, participating in fairs, and in tutoring. We do have four clubs running in June and July in central locations. Players also can play for free during fairs throughout the area

We have some major site changes. We are no longer meeting in McDonalds in both Hershey and Lancaster. The Lancaster Club is now meeting in Saint Peter's Church weekly. The Hershey club has moved to Hoss's on Monday evening in Elizabethtown.

We are currently working with the high school team from Southeast York School District. Our goal is to assist the team by providing summer instruction to 20 students.

Group	Players	Hours	Club Time
Elizabethtown (Formally Hershey)	12	2	Mon. 6:00 -8:00 PM
Berks	10	2	Tues. 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Buck	7	2	Fri. 5:30- 7:30 PM
Lancaster	18	2	Sat. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Dates to Remember:

- May: Topton Fair -- Saturday May 19 - 9 am to 5 pm
- June: Summer clubs start 6/11 and finish the last week in July.
- July 1: Deadline for December Florida Nationals Registration.
- Aug. 20 - 25 - Etown Fair - Chess Events - 8/22, 8/23, & 8/24
- September- Fall clubs begin the Tuesday after Labor Day.