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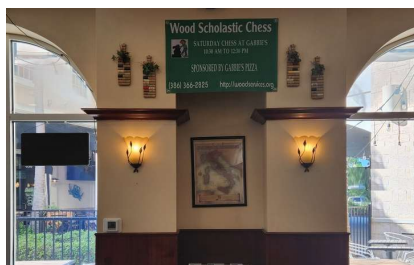
Rules for Beginning a Chess Game

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.

CHESS FOR LUNCH AT GABBIE'S PIZZA

Our Saturday club now represents six different schools. Some of our students travel up to forty-five minutes to attend the club. This club has doubled in size this past year. Most of these players are rated and are working on getting ready for Super Nationals in May. Parents are encouraged to come and play a variety of kids during our two-hour club time.



Our Clubs at a Glance

We have seven chess clubs this fall. Two of our clubs have both beginner and intermediate sections. The Montessori Global Academy joins us as a new school with some outstanding first graders. Saturdays remains as a two hour club for advanced players from all locations.

DAY	SCHOOL OR CLUBS	TYPE	GRADES
MON	TEMPLE BETH-EL	BEGINNER	2-5
MON	TEMPLE BETH-EL	INTERMEDIATE	2-5
TUES	IVY HAWN CHARTER	INTERMEDIATE	3-8
WED	SAINT BARNABAS EPISCOPAL	INTERMEDIATE	3-8
THURS	MONTESSORI GLOBAL	BEGINNER	1-6
THURS	MONTESSORI GLOBAL	INTERMEDIATE	3-6
SAT	PORT ORANGE AT GABBIE'S	ADVANCED	2-12

Coaches' Corner

Team Chess at Camp



One important goal for our club is to work with others to learn concepts. We have a game called "Team Chess" that is played with large pieces and an eight-foot board. The whole club is divided into two teams. Each player takes a turn moving but can only talk to teammates before he works on the board. The small group collaboration develops skills for all levels of players. One game takes over an hour to play.



Rule Check - Pawn Use

Pawn Promotion: When a pawn reaches the last row, it can be converted into a queen, rook, bishop or knight. There can be as many as nine queens on the board. When trading pawns, the pawns on the edge of the board are not as powerful as those in the middle. If a pawn can get promoted without any defense pawn in the way, it is called a **Passed Pawn**.

Future Dates

October Family Days in 2024 is cancelled due to hurricane.

Nov 5 - Ivy Hawn Chess Tournament 3:15 - 6 pm,

Nov 6 - Saint Barnabas Chess Tournament 3:15- 6 pm

Nov 9 - Fall Championship Tournament at Gabbie's 9 am- Noon