



2023 GATEWAY BOARD TOURNAMENT

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Lucas Crossing Elementary
7837 Natural Bridge Rd., Saint Louis, MO 63121

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- **REGISTRATION:** Tournament registration will be from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Advanced registration is recommended. For advanced registration visit www.gatewaychess.org and follow the instructions. The deadline for advanced registration is **6:00 pm, Friday, December 1.**
 - **ELIGIBILITY:** All students in Kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) are eligible.
 - **FORMAT:**
 - **HIGH SCHOOL SECTION:** Students grades nine through twelve are eligible. Each school may enter any number of four player teams and a partial team. The best player on each team should be assigned to board one, the second best to board two, and so forth. A school that enters only a partial team must assign the players to the highest boards. Schools that enter partial teams in addition to one or more full teams may assign players to any board. Players will only play those in their section (i.e., Board 1 players play only other Board 1, Board 2 players only Board 2, and so forth).
 - **ROUND TIMES:** 9:30, 12:00, 2:30, and 5:00. *Final round will start earlier if possible.*
 - **TIME CONTROL:** Game in 60m + 5s time delay
 - **UNDER SECTIONS:** Ninth Grade and Under (K-9), Eighth Grade and Under (K-8), Sixth Grade and Under (K-6), Fifth Grade and Under (K-5), and Third Grade and Under (K-3). Players may not compete in sections including grades higher than the highest grade the school the player represents. Each school may enter any number of players.
 - **ROUND TIMES:** 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, and 5:00. *Final round will start earlier if possible.*
 - **TIME CONTROL:** Game in 30m + 5s time delay
 - **AWARDS:**
 - **HIGH SCHOOL SECTION:** Awards will be presented at **7:30 pm**. No awards will be presented before this time.
 - Three (3) school trophies will be awarded. School score is the sum of the best scores on each board.
 - Four (4) individual trophies will be awarded per Board.
 - **UNDER SECTIONS (K-9, K-8, K-6, K-5, and K-3):** Awards presentation will begin at **6:30 pm**.
 - Two (2) school trophies will be awarded in each of the under sections. School score is the sum of the four highest player scores. (Minimum of two players constitutes a team.)
 - Five (5) individual trophies will be awarded in each of the other sections.
 - **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is **\$15.00** per player. A late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for players who begin registration after 8:30 am. Players who begin registration after 9:00 am will not be paired in round one. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card.
 - **MEMBERSHIP:** United States Chess Federation membership is required for tournament participation. Players must either show proof of current membership or purchase at the tournament. The cost is \$11.00 and up.
 - **RATINGS:** The current month United States Chess Federation rating supplement will be used for pairings. Players without a rating will be paired as unrated. (Local ratings no longer assigned.)
 - **TIE BREAKERS:** Ties will be broken using Modified Median, Solkoff, Cumulative, and Cumulative Opp. for individual trophies and using Solkoff, Cumulative, Cumulative Opp., and Median for team trophies.
 - **EQUIPMENT:** Players are responsible for providing sets, boards, and clocks. A limited number of clocks will be available for checkout. Chess equipment may be on sale during the tournament.
 - **SPONSORS:** Each school must have either a sponsor or parent present. There will be a sponsors and parents meeting approximately fifteen minutes after the start of round one.
 - **TOURNAMENT COORDINATORS:** The tournament director is Thomas Rehmeier. The tournament organizer is Sam Kassis. For further information please call Sam Kassis at 314-496-2266 or visit www.gatewaychess.org.