



2019 Lancaster-Lebanon Middle School Chess Tournament

Tournament Director:
Tom Magar, USCF National Master

TEAM PRIZES

1 st Place Team	OMPH	Team Score: 4 15 ½
2 nd Place Team	Lancaster Country Day	Team Score: 3 ½ 10 ½
3 rd Place Team	Conestoga Valley	Team Score: 3 12 ½

BOARD WINNERS

BOARD 1	BOARD 2	BOARD 3	BOARD 4	ALTERNATE PLAYER
Sam C. OMPH	Matt M. OMPH	Nathan H. OMPH	Tyler M. OMPH	Mitchel S. New Covenant Christian
Will S. St. Anne School		Johnathan Z. LCDS	Beckett W. LCDS	
Craig H. Cocalico			Labeeb R. Manheim Central	
			Yuji W. Conestoga Valley	

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Bear Creek School	Martin Meylin Middle School
Cocalico Middle School	New Covenant Christian School
Conestoga Valley Middle School	New Holland Grade 6
ELCO Middle School	Northern Lebanon Middle School
Ephrata Middle School	Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Hinkletown Mennonite School	Pequea Valley Intermediate School
Lancaster Country Day School	Resurrection Catholic School
LMS – Locust Grove	St. Anne School
Lebanon Middle School	Susquehanna Waldorf School
Manheim Central Middle School	Wheatland Middle School

Total Student Participation: 89

Educational resources were raffled off and given to three participating schools.
Each student received a Certificate of Participation with an IU13 raised seal.

~ Student Reflections ~

What things did you learned from the chess tournament?

- ❖ Chess is better than school, and sportsmanship is great in chess.
- ❖ Things get harder as you get older.
- ❖ Patience makes perfect- think ahead more often.
- ❖ I learned you should expect new people with new strategies. Don't put up a fuss about losing. Other people are watching.
- ❖ It is better to play slowly so you don't miss anything. You can learn new starting moves from other players.
- ❖ I learned to move your pieces with a purpose and to take your time.
- ❖ I learned not to feel rushed by other players and to write down my moves.
- ❖ You must take your time to do well.
- ❖ Chess is a very intelligent game, and you need to think in your opponent's head while you plan ahead.
- ❖ Always check to make sure your move won't create a stalemate.
- ❖ You don't always have to win—just have a good time, try hard and never give up.
- ❖ I learned a different way to defend an English Opening and three new ways to checkmate.

What do you like about playing chess?

- ❖ It is a great and fun mental challenge, and two games are almost never the same. I enjoy evaluating and learning from my opponent's playing styles.
- ❖ Every game is different and a new challenge.
- ❖ Just relaxing and having fun. The more I play, the more I improve.
- ❖ I like the integrity of the game.
- ❖ Chess teaches me that strategic thinking minimizes stress.
- ❖ Chess is challenging, and when I tell people I play chess they are impressed.
- ❖ I like that the games are different every time, and they are challenging.

How does chess help you in school?

- ❖ It helps me problem solve and concentrate.
- ❖ Getting yourself out of tough situations.
- ❖ Chess develops strategic thinking skills and your brain in general which is good for many subjects.
- ❖ It helps you solve problems.
- ❖ It enforces the habit "begin with the end in mind."
- ❖ Chess helps you with problem solving and critical thinking.
- ❖ Chess helps me look for multiple ways to answer some things.
- ❖ It reminds me to stop and think!
- ❖ Chess helps me to focus on the next thing. Lose one, win the next.
- ❖ From chess, I learn to look at all my options and to protect the people or things I love.
- ❖ You learn to think through your decisions.
- ❖ Chess helps me with time management.

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Awesome

Exciting

Enjoyable Great
Challenging
Chess

Educational

Fun

Inspiring



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Final Standings

OMPH won first place in the tournament.

LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY won second place in the tournament.

CONESTOGA VALLEY won third place in the tournament.

Each team received a trophy plus a medal for each team member and coach.

TEAM	MATCH POINTS	GAME POINTS
Our Mother of Perpetual Help	4	15 ½
Lancaster Country Day School	3 ½	10 ½
Conestoga Valley Middle School	3	12 ½
New Holland Grade 6	3	9 ½
Bear Creek School	2 ½	10
New Covenant Christian School	2 ½	8 ½
Northern Lebanon School District	2 ½	7
ELCO Middle School	2 ½	7
Pequea Valley Intermediate School	2	8
Cocalico Middle School	2	8
LMS – Locust Grove	2	7 ½
Lebanon Middle School	1 ½	7 ½
Manheim Central Middle School	1 ½	7
Susquehanna Waldorf School	1 ½	7
Wheatland Middle School	1 ½	6 ½
St. Anne School	1	7
Hinkletown Mennonite School	1	5
Martin Meylin Middle School	1	5
Resurrection Catholic School	1	4 ½
Ephrata Middle School	½	5 ½

TEAMS HAVE VARYING DEGREES OF EXPERIENCE AND ARE ALL CONGRATULATED FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP. CHESS IS A GAME FOR EVERYONE!