



2022 Lancaster-Lebanon Middle School Chess Tournament

Tournament Director:
Jere Cassidy

TEAM PRIZES

1 st Place Team	Locust Grove A (Lancaster Mennonite)	Team Score: 4.0 14.5
2 nd Place Team	Locust Grove B (Lancaster Mennonite)	Team Score: 3.0 11.5
3 rd Place Team	Wheatland Tigers (SDoL)	Team Score: 3.0 9.0

BOARD WINNERS

BOARD 1	BOARD 2	BOARD 3	BOARD 4	ALTERNATE PLAYER
Josh R. Locust Grove A	Donovan S. Locust Grove A	William A. S.H. Chessertons	Lukas K. Locust Grove A	Amelia A. Cocalico MS 2
		Daniel T. Locust Grove B		Spencer B. Garden Spot MS

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Blue Ball Elementary School
Cocalico Middle School
Conestoga Valley Middle School
Ephrata Middle School
Garden Spot Middle School
Kissel Hill Elementary School
Lancaster Country Day School
Lancaster Mennonite School (Locust Grove)

Manheim Central Middle School
Manheim Township Middle School
Martin Meylin Middle School
Northern Lebanon Middle School
Our Mother of Perpetual Help School
Resurrection Catholic School
Sacred Heart School
Wheatland Middle School

TOTAL STUDENT PARTICIPATION: 83

Each student received a Certificate of Participation with an IU13 raised seal.

~ Student Reflections ~

What did you learn from the chess tournament?

- ❖ Take your time and be methodical.
- ❖ I learned how to effectively play my favorite openings.
- ❖ Rushing isn't always smart.
- ❖ You don't always win, but that's OK.
- ❖ I expanded my knowledge by planning against other people. I also learned some different playing styles.
- ❖ I learned to move the pawn in front of my king and to always plan an escape for my king.
- ❖ Don't underestimate pawn formation.
- ❖ Don't be too confident. There are many players better than you.
- ❖ Everyone should try chess at least once.
- ❖ I need to study opening moves and end games more.
- ❖ You can read people's posture to tell what they are thinking.
- ❖ Even when you are winning, you can still blunder. You can still get better.
- ❖ I learned that it is always better to think about the win, rather than to just plan.
- ❖ Look at any opponent's piece that could take the spot before touching your piece.

What do you like about playing chess?

- ❖ I like playing chess because it stretches my brain.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ I like the planning part.
- ❖ I like the rules of chess and the infinite move possibilities.
- ❖ I like how everything has order and that the game is unpredictable even with order.
- ❖ Chess keeps me focused and I like that.
- ❖ I like using my mind for games.
- ❖ I like that it's a quiet game.
- ❖ It takes skill and strategy.
- ❖ I like meeting new people when playing chess.
- ❖ I like trying to predict my opponent's next move.

How does chess help you in school?

- ❖ It helps me problem solve and concentrate.
- ❖ It is strategic and makes my brain think.
- ❖ Chess helps you visualize better. When you picture the consequences of a move, it can be translated over to math class where you can visualize problems and figures.
- ❖ It helps with mental strength.
- ❖ In chess, you have to think things out. It might help you to think things through in school too.
- ❖ Chess helps you think outside the box.
- ❖ Chess increases my thought capacity.
- ❖ It improves my critical thinking skills.

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Final Standings

LOCUST GROVE TEAM A won first place in the tournament.
LOCUST GROVE TEAM B won second place in the tournament.

Each winning team received a trophy plus a medal for team members and coach.

TEAM	MATCH POINTS	GAME POINTS
Locust Grove Team A (Lancaster Mennonite School)	4.0	14.5
Locust Grove Team B (Lancaster Mennonite School)	3.0	11.5
Wheatland Tigers (Wheatland MS)	3.0	9.0
No Pawn Intended (Ephrata MS)	3.0	8.5
Rook and Roll (Manheim Township MS)	2.5	10.0
Spartans (Blue Ball ES)	2.5	10.0
Cocalico Middle School 1 (Cocalico MS)	2.5	8.5
Garden Spot Middle School (Garden Spot MS)	2.0	9.5
S.H. Chessertons (Sacred Heart School)	2.0	8.5
Cougars (Lancaster Country Day School)	2.0	8.0
Chess Busters (Sacred Heart School)	2.0	8.0
The Rockin' & Rollin' Rooks (Martin Meylin MS)	2.0	8.0
Knights (Our Mother of Perpetual Help/St. John Neumann Schools)	2.0	7.0
Northern Lebanon Middle School (N. Lebanon MS)	1.5	7.5
Pretty Ponies (Manheim Central MS)	1.5	7.0
The Saints (Resurrection Catholic School)	1.5	6
The Relentless Rooks (Martin Meylin MS)	1.0	6.5
Los Reyes (Conestoga Valley MS)	1.0	6.0
KH Chess Team (Kissel Hill ES)	1.0	4.0
Cocalico Middle School 2 (Cocalico MS)	0.0	2.0

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