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Dear Reverend Brown School & Pope John Middle School Parents:

I am very happy to announce that the RBS/PJMS after-school Chess Club will start on Friday, September 15. The early start should enable those who want to play in some September/October chess tournaments to begin to prepare for them. We will have weekly one hour and fifteen minute chess classes after school on Fridays from 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm. This year, there will be two programs (Fall '17 and Spring '18) of 14 weekly classes each. Students will need to sign up for each program by the week before they start.

The program is available to RBS students from 2nd to 4th grade and PJMS students from 5th to 7th grade. Each series of 14 classes will cost \$245, the same per session cost as last year.

The Fall '17 program's dates are: Sept. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 17; Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan 5, 12, and 19 (Please note, no sessions on: Oct. 6 -- school closed, Diocesan In-Service Day; Nov. 10 -- school closed, Teachers Convention; Nov. 24 -- school closed, Thanksgiving Recess; Dec. 22 and 29 -- school closed Christmas Recess). If classes are cancelled for any reason, makeup sessions will be scheduled at the end of the program. Pick up is at 4:00 pm and if a student is not picked up on time, they will be placed in aftercare, with the regular aftercare charges applied.

You can reserve your child's place in the Club by emailing me at martysobin@jerseychess.com that they will be attending, but to complete your child's registration, you must return the attached form by snail mail to me at Jersey Chess, 91 Fox Hollow Road, Sparta, NJ 07871 with a check payable to Jersey Chess by September 12, 2017. The class is limited to 24 students (maximum of 10 PJMS students) and registration acceptance is on a first come, first served basis.

For those who don't know me, this will be my seventh year teaching chess after school at RBS/PJMS. I have been teaching chess students for the past eleven years at numerous schools, community groups and individually throughout northern and central New Jersey. This past summer I taught weekly chess programs at summer camps at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg, NJ and Gill St. Bernard School in Gladstone, NJ. For the current school year, I will be running chess programs at St. Joseph's School in Mendham, Torey J Sabatini School in Madison, and Gill St. Bernard School, among others.

My goal is not just to teach your children how to play chess, but to instill in them a love for the game, so that they will play often, get better at it, and hopefully, for some, play competitively at tournaments. I hope that we can grow the RBS/PJMS chess program even more than in the past and get a large number of students actively participating in the fascinating and fun world of chess.

There are numerous individual and team events during the upcoming school year in which I would like to have players participate. For example, the Northwest NJ Scholastic Team Tournament, is a fun and competitive annual team event that will take place in May, 2018. The tournament in 2017 took place at Sussex County Community College and had 40 teams participating, including RBS and PJMS teams.

Chess is a great game that players can play all their lives. Numerous studies show that it helps develop logical thinking and other cognitive abilities in students and teaches the values of hard work, concentration and discipline. Playing in a class/team environment also helps students develop social skills and instills a sense of self confidence and self worth.

If you have any questions about the RBS/PJMS Chess Club program, please don't hesitate to contact me by email (martysobin@jerseychess.com) or phone (973-729-9492).

I look forward to the opportunity to work with your children and to build the RBS/PJMS chess program.

"Coach Marty" Sobin, Chess Instructor

Shouldn't your child be having fun playing competitive chess?



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RBS/PJMS AFTER-SCHOOL CHESS CLUB REGISTRATION

I would like to have my child: (please print name in following space)



participate in the RBS/PJMS Friday After-School Chess Club at 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm beginning on Sep. 15, and continuing on Sep. 22, 29; Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 17; and Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 12 and 19 (Please note: no sessions on Oct. 6 because school is closed, Diocesan In-Service day; Nov. 10 because of Teachers' Convention; Nov. 25 because of Thanksgiving recess; and Dec. 22 and 29 because of Christmas recess). I understand that I am to pick up my child at 4:00 pm and if they are not picked up on time, they will be placed in aftercare, with the regular aftercare charges applied.

Attached please find a check for \$245 **payable to Jersey Chess** to pay for the 14 session program.

Student's Grade: _____ Student's Teacher: _____

Student's Allergies/Medical Conditions: _____



Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Parent's Emergency Phone Number: _____



Please tear off so you will have the dates of the RBS/PJMS after-school Chess Club program for your records: Fridays from 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm beginning Sep. 15, and continuing on Sep. 22, 29; Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 17; and Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 12 and 19 (Please note: no sessions on Oct. 6 because school is closed, Diocesan In-Service day; Nov. 10 because of Teachers' Convention; Nov. 25 because of Thanksgiving recess; and Dec. 22 and 29 because of Christmas recess). Pick up is at 4:00 pm and if a student is not picked up on time, they will be placed in aftercare, with the regular aftercare charges applied.

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