



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Winter Chess Fest

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School  
on Saturday, February 28, 2009



- What:** A fun scholastic chess tournament open to chess players in grades K-8.
- Where:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, 52 Harpersville Road, Newport News, VA
- When:** **Saturday, February 28th, 2009.** On site Registration from 8AM – 9AM. “Tournament Chess Orientation” for players and parents at 9:15AM. First Round starts at 9:45, with follow-on rounds about 15 minutes after the previous round ends. Tournament should end by 4PM.
- Prizes:** **Trophies for the TOP 7 PLAYERS in each section: K-3 and K-8.** Chess Medals for all players with at least an “even” score. Awards handed out as soon as a section completes all of its matches.

**Early Registration:** Please don't wait until Saturday morning to Register. **Enter early** by providing your **name, grade, and school** to Mike Hoffpauir, Tournament Director, **no later than Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Two ways to enter:

- **Preferred Method** – Email to [mhoffpauir@aol.com](mailto:mhoffpauir@aol.com), subject “Chess Entry”
- **Alternate Method** -- By Phone to 757-846-4805

**Cost:** **Only \$7.00** (cash only, please. No checks or credit cards.). You do not need to pay in advance, **pay when you arrive at the tournament.**

## **Tournament Format:**

- Students play in one of these sections based on their grade in school: K-3 or K-8.
- This is an UNRATED tournament ... players do not need to be members of the US Chess Federation to participate. SO LET'S ALL HAVE FUN!!
- Everyone plays 4 or 5 Rounds of match play chess. The number of rounds will be based on how many players register for the event. ***This is not an elimination tournament -- Everyone plays all rounds!***
- Each player will have 30 minutes to make all of his/her moves in Rounds 1, 2, and 3. In other words, an entire game could last up to 1 hour. In Rounds 4 and 5, players each get 45 minutes to make all of their moves.
- Scoring: A win counts for 1 point, a draw counts for 1/2 point, a loss gets no points.

**What to Bring:** **A desire to have fun learning about tournament chess!** Chess sets are provided at the tournament for all of the games!  
If you own a chess clock, please bring it ... but you don't need to have one to play.

**This event is being organized by the Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and Chess Club.  
Please respect our school and help us keep the area clean.**