



Grafton Clipper Fall Chess Fest

at Grafton Middle School
on Saturday, November 11, 2006



What: An un-rated scholastic chess tournament open to chess players in grades K-12 at any school. This tournament is designed to expose players to the tournament chess environment without the stress of playing for rating points.

Where: Grafton Middle School, 405 Grafton Drive, Yorktown, VA

When: **Saturday, November 11, 2006.** On site Registration from 8AM – 9AM. “Chess Orientation” for players and parents at 9:15AM
First Round begins at 9:45, with follow-on rounds starting about 15 minutes after the previous round ends. Tournament should end by 4PM.

Prizes: **Trophies to the Top 3 Players** (see Tournament Format below). Also, Chess Medals awarded to all players with at least an “even” score. Participation Certificates for every player! Awards will be handed out as soon as a section completes all of its matches.

Early Registration: Please don't wait until Saturday morning to Register, or you may not be able to play in Round 1. **Enter early** by providing your name, grade, and school name to Mike Hoffpauir, Grafton Chess Club Coordinator, **no later than Thursday, November 9th.**

- **By Phone:** 757-846-4805 or 757-867-8592
- **By Email:** mhoffpauir@aol.com, subject “Chess Entry”

Cost: **Only \$5.00** (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 will be divided into two sections and paired for play based on their grade in school. One section for players in grades K-6, and another section for grades 7-12.
- Trophies to the TOP 3 PLAYERS in grades K-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12.
- Everyone will play 4 or 5 Rounds of match play chess. Number of rounds depends on how many players register. This is not an elimination tournament -- Everyone plays all rounds!
- Each player will have 30 minutes to make all of his/her moves (e.g. an entire game could last up to 1 hour).
- 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 learn about tournament chess!** Chess sets will be provided at the tournament for all your games! If you own a chess clock, please bring it.

This event is being held courtesy of Grafton Middle School and the Grafton MS and HS Chess Clubs.
Please respect our school and stay out of “no access” areas.