



C&O Chess Club at Cold Spring E.S. ***Winter 2026 Schedule and Registration***

The Cold Spring E.S. Chess Club will resume on **Friday, January 16, 2026**, with Coach Ross & Coach Sven. All students grades K-5 are welcome but **class size is limited**.

For easy online registration & payments go to: <https://schools.kiddo.us/s/coldspring-md>
or <http://www.chesscenter.net/index.html> and click on “Register Here”

For all questions contact C&O Director, Ross Pancoast, at redross26chess@gmail.com

It's great to be back at Cold Spring E.S. This class is for all levels of students in grades K-5 from New Players (just learning the Pieces) to Advanced Students who have previous experience and may have even played in organized competitions. Class time will be divided between a lesson and a game play portion. Instruction for new students will include the basics of how the pieces move, board set-up, simple opening strategy and checkmate skills. Advanced students will cover tactics and strategy, more detailed openings and game analysis. We will provide information and a location for practice outside of class including access to weekly tournaments. We focus on sportsmanship and healthy competition and a sense of teamwork while we work towards self-improvement.

Chess Club meets on FRIDAY mornings from 7:40 to 8:55 a.m. in the Art Room

Winter (11 Wks): Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 06, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 06, 13, 20*, 27

***(No school) = Online**

Snow Days and Absences

C&O Family Chess Center follows the MCPS policy for snow days and other such closings. If MCPS opens late our morning programs will be held after the listed delay, either 1 or 2 hours. If schools close early or completely we will hold an online class at 3:30. On **scheduled no school days** we will hold an online class at 9:00 a.m. for those schools regularly scheduled that day of the week and a School vs. School online tournament for all programs at 10:00 a.m.. Zoom links will be provided for all such instances.

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