



Percy Priest Elementary Chess Program and Team



The Chess Program at Percy Priest Elementary invites you to join for another year of fun, instruction and competition. The program is open to all PPE students and all levels of chess experience. Our students learn the fundamental rules, tactics, strategy and history of chess through instruction, problem solving and free play. Chess is a game of skill played by ladies and gentlemen, so good sportsmanship is reinforced, as well as many other virtues like thinking before acting, not to mention, improved test scores, attention span, impulse control and team work. There is no other extracurricular activity that develops a child’s critical and creative thinking like chess, that children actually enjoy doing.

Our program is led by Igor Zhislin, a former Ukrainian Student Champion and now a Professional Chess Teacher and Coach. In his many years of teaching chess, Coach Igor has instructed over a thousand students, many of whom have won local, city, regional, state and national championships.

The Chess Program meets every **Wednesday** that school is in session for a full day, from **3:00 until 4:15 PM**. This is a school year long program and will include 30 lessons. *While we ask for the full-year commitment, the dues of \$300 for the year can be paid in two \$150 installments, one in September and one in January.*

This year we are excited to add Coach Jay’s Chess Academy puzzle books, Passports and reward stickers. They will reinforce the lessons in our program and greatly benefit both new and returning students.



For those students who want to compete, there will be opportunities to play in many tournaments, including the one at our school in February and the National Elementary Championship at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in May.

Our first meeting will be **September 26**. Register by filling out the slip below and turn in the office with a check made out to Igor Zhislin. For more information, contact Coach Igor at 615-225-7781 or igorzhislin@gmail.com.



Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age _____

Parent’s name(s) _____ Teacher’s name _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Level of chess experience: Beginner _____ Knows how to play: _____ Tournament Player _____

T-Shirt Size: _____