

# CHESS CALENDAR of scholastic activities 2011 - 2012



## ☐ Dates of Chess'n Math events

September 2011							October 2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3							1
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30	31					
November 2011							December 2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31
January 2012							February 2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28	29			
March 2012							April 2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					
May 2012							June 2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**Chess'n Math Association**  
250 Bank (Near Somerset), Ottawa  
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## SEPTEMBER 2011

- 25 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

## OCTOBER 2011

- 23 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

## NOVEMBER 2011

- 20 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

## DECEMBER 2011

- 18 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

## JANUARY 2012

- 22 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

## FEBRUARY 2012

- 19 Ottawa Qualifier to Ontario Championship  
*For Ontario residents only*  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

## MARCH 2012

- 11 Gatineau Qualifier to Quebec Championship  
*For Quebec residents only*  
*Chalet du Parc Fontaine*  
*120 rue Charlevoix, Gatineau*

- 12-16 Chess Day Camp - March Break  
*Parkdale United Church*  
*429 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa*

- 25 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

## APRIL 2012

- 22 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

- 22 Ontario Chess Challenge  
By invitation only / **Toronto**

- 29 Quebec Chess Challenge  
By invitation only / **Montreal**

## MAY 2012

- 20 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

- 20-21 Canadian Chess Challenge / **Halifax**

## JUNE 2012

- 17 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
*RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa*

## JULY-AUGUST 2012

- 2-6 Summer Chess Day Camp I (July)  
*Parkdale United Church*  
*429 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa*

- 16-20 Summer Chess Day Camp II (July)  
*Parkdale United Church*  
*429 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa*

- 30-3 Summer Chess Day Camp III (July-August)  
*Parkdale United Church*  
*429 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa*

- 13-17 Summer Chess Day Camp IV (August)  
*Parkdale United Church*  
*429 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa*

## CHESS SHOP

The *Chess'n Math Association* operates a chess shop (located at 250 Bank Street, at Ottawa) where one can purchase sets, clocks, chess computers, books, etc. When you purchase from us, you are contributing to the development of chess in our schools as profits are reinvested in scholastic chess.

## Opening Hours

**Monday to Friday:** 10:30 - 6:00 pm  
**Saturday:** 10 am - 6 pm  
**Sunday:** Noon - 5 pm

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## CHESS'N MATH ASSOCIATION

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The Chess'n Math Association (CMA) is Canada's National Scholastic Chess Organization. A non-profit organization, our mission is to provide youngsters with the opportunities and resources necessary for learning and developing their chess playing abilities in a fun and disciplined environment. CMA, a world leader in the field, offers many services for young people including tournaments, a National scholastic rating system, lessons, a magazine, chess day camps, etc. We also organize National events such as the Canadian Chess Challenge, and sponsor our top Canadian talents. CMA has coordinators in every province.

### What does Chess have to do with Math?

As a component of the math program "Challenging Mathematics", chess is used as a tool to develop problem-solving skills and concentration. This emphasis on problem-solving, not memorization, helps children develop logical thought processes.

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## RATINGS

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A rating is a numerical evaluation of a player's playing strength. The higher the number, the better the player. The best player in the world, Vishy Anand, is rated around 2800. A youngster in grade 1 who has just learned how to play would be rated around 200. A rating goes up and down depending on a performance at a rated competition. All Chess'n Math tournaments are rated.

It takes approximately 25 games for a rating to accurately reflect the playing strength of a player. Schools should contact us about rating their events. Ratings are updated every Friday on our website [www.chess-math.org](http://www.chess-math.org).

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***For more information:***  
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## TOURNAMENTS

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The best way to become a good chess player is to practice. At this stage of development, chess is 90% practice and 10% theory. The best practice is obtained by playing in tournaments. A complete calendar of our scholastic tournaments appears on the reverse side of this sheet. As soon as a player knows how to checkmate, he is strong enough to play in a tournament!

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### REGULAR TOURNAMENTS

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For kids from Kindergarten to Grade 12, competitors play against students from the same grade. Those with a rating play according to their rating. The tournaments generally last 3 hours. Our tournaments are structured in a way where a youth who knows how to checkmate can have fun.

**Prizes:** Medals are given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. The tournaments are rated.

**Entry Fee:** \$17/player/tournament. Registration takes place from Noon to 1:00 pm.

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### SCHOOL TEAM TOURNAMENTS

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These tournaments are very popular because they allow schools to form teams and compete against other schools. Each team is made up of 4 players from the same school.

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### QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENTS

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These tournaments allow kids to qualify for the Quebec Chess Challenge & Ontario Chess Challenge. A qualification tournament is scheduled for Quebec residents only and a second qualification tournament is scheduled for Ontario residents only. For more information, visit our website.

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### NATIONAL CHESS CHALLENGE

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Sponsored by the Chess'n Math Association, it is the most prestigious competition by grade in Canada. Only the winners of the provincial championships can qualify. This year, the tournament will be held on **May 22-23, 2011 at Victoria, BC.**

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## CHESS LESSONS

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Instructors use a learning program for children which has been developed by our leading instructors over the decades. The program has 9 levels from Pawn Level to Advanced. Each lesson is followed by a practice period which allows the instructor to look over areas of difficulty with the students on an individual basis. Exercise sheets are given at the end of each lesson to allow the student to review what was taught in class. The size of the class is kept small in order to provide quality instruction. Certificates, indicating the child's understanding of the game, are awarded at the end of the course.

**INSCHOOLS:** Our qualified instructors are available to teach chess at your school as an extra-curricular activity. Over 150 schools across Canada offer this excellent activity through our organization. For more information, do not hesitate to contact us: 613-565-3662 or [ottawa@chess-math.org](mailto:ottawa@chess-math.org).

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### DAY CAMP

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The Chess'n Math Association offer various camps. Increase your level of play in a fun, disciplined environment. See the calendar on the reverse side of this sheet for the dates of the camps.

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### SCHOLAR'S MATE

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Scholar's Mate is Canada's English language chess magazine for kids. It is published 5 times a year and is full of chess games, problems, puzzles, ratings, etc. Scholar's Mate is a free online magazine available on Chess'n Math web site. To subscribe, go to: **[www.chess-math.org](http://www.chess-math.org)** and look for Scholar's Mate link.

