

2012 Gateway Board Tournament Results

Team Winners:

High School Division:

- Crossroads College Prep
- 9th grade and Under: McKinley
- 8th grade and Under: Ladue MS
- 6th and Under: New City
- 5th and Under: Spoede

Individual Winners:

- High School
 - Board 1- Matthew Larson
 - Board 2- Houston Miller
 - Board 3-Thierry Papzian
 - Board 4-Andrew Krekeler
- 9th and Under
 - David Kim
- 8th and Under
 - Caleb Denby
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 - Mitul Pandya
- 5th and Under
 - Jason Ding

Trophy winners- High School

- 2nd place- St. Louis Metro HS
- 3rd place- Vianney HS
- 4th place- Mt. Vernon HS

Trophy Winners- 2nd place

- 9th & under- Vianney
- 8th & under- Wydown MS
- 6th & under- Pattonville Hts
- 5th & under- New City ES

On December 8th, almost 300 scholastic chess players turned up to participate in the Gateway Board Tournament at Chaminade, the largest turnout this season. With the additional entrants & many students renewing their USCF membership delayed the beginning of the tournament about a half hour, but recovered nicely to have the last round begin early at 4:59 pm.

For the high school division, it came down to the battle of the two highest rated players, Matt Larson & Isaiah Gadson in the 4th round. Matt came out victorious to help Crossroads College Prep clinch first place. Metro St. Louis High School utilized all four players to take second place, while Vianney placed third. Mt. Vernon edged out Lindbergh HS in tie breaks to get the 4th place trophy.

In the 9th grade & up team section, McKinley avenging last month's second place finish to place above Vianney who ended up finishing second this time out of 9 schools represented with 19 students participating.

Ladue MS placed tops in the 8th grade & under section also avenging last month's second place finish and Wydown MS followed out of 21 schools represented in this section with 56 students participating.

New City dominated in the 6th grade & under team section while Pattonville Hts MS came in second with a solid team performance. Maplewood-Richmond Hts, MICDS & Fort Zumwalt who came in 1, 2 & 3 last month, came in 5th, 6th & 7th this month.

The 5th grade & under section had the largest participation with 93 students and 32 elementary schools represented. Spoede dominated with the highest team total of the evening. Their top player, Jason Ding getting all 6 points and the next 3 players all won 5 out of 6 of their games. Fantastic job! New City came in a second while Bierbaum came in 3rd. Kindergartner Roman Ryker of Bierbaum finally going over 500 in a rated tournament notched 3.5 points to boost Bierbaum into 3rd place edging out Kennard by a ½ point.

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Shout out to the Ethan Schultz from Bowling Green, MO & winning a trophy on 1st Board - Great Job! & to Ashwath Elangovan from Columbia, MO traveling to Chaminade to participate in the tournament.

Congratulations to Julian Proleiko & Diamond Abdus-Shakoor for winning trophies after coming back from Nationals in Orlando, Florida just the week before.

Thank you to Gabriel Boyd, En Passant Director for swiftly diffusing a situation where one of his students showed unsportsmanlike conduct during the game – disrespecting the opponents pieces. Students – handle the other players pieces with respect and also do not slam the timer on the clock, especially if it is not your clock. Clocks do break.

Thanks to our webmasters, Jim Hulsey & Jim Small and the Vianney parents. It's a large and tedious task to keep track of 300 players scores for each round.

Eventually, I want to compile a list of 1st & 2nd generation Gateway Chess Leaguers. Let me know if your parents or relatives played back in the 80's. More information to come later.

We haven't given up yet on the Alumni/Coach Tourney, but have hit a few delays.

Parents & students, send me your pictures from the tournament so I can place them in the newsletter. This time I only received one submission.

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1st place 5th & under team - Spoede ES

Trophy winners - 5th & under

- 1st-Jason Ding, Spoede, 2nd- Benjamin Liu, Spoede
- 3rd- Rohan Aathreya, Castilio, 4th- Wilson Gau, Signal Hill, 5th- Lixin Zheng, Glenridge, 6th- Roshen Chhatwal, Spoede, 7th- Amit Kadan, Spoede
- 8th- Joshua Wolk, Spoede

Medal winners 5th & under

- Aiden Mayer, Jaden Meyerstorm, Jason Pummer, Ernie McCarter, Joshua Suthar, Derian Ryker, Sarvesh Palaniappan, Ronit Kirumaki, Bo Hylan, Benjamin Clair, Eli Harris, Brandon Stanfield, Reilly Dillon, Andrew Voelker, Zachary Mayo, Rafael Brent, Tomislav Zigo, Sophia Brieler, Lillian Selligman, Ben Durkovic & Andrew Radford.