

## **2017 GATEWAY RED ROOKS COMPETITION**

**DATES** – Round 1 of the tournament will be played on Tuesday November 7, Round 2 on Tuesday, November 14, Round 3 on Tuesday, November 21, Round 4 on Tuesday, November 28, Round 5 on Tuesday, December 5, and round 6 on Tuesday December 12. Rounds cancelled because of inclement weather or for any other reason will not be played. Competition is scheduled to begin at 4:30 each week.

**PLACE** – The tournament will be played at McKinley High School, 2156 Russell, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63104.

**REGISTRATION** – Registration is required for each round. Registration will be from 3:30 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. Players or teams registering after 4:15 may not be paired.

**ELIGIBILITY** – Students in kindergarten through grade 8 are eligible. Each school may enter any number of four player teams and any number of individuals.

**RATINGS** – United States Chess Federation ratings will be used when available. Players without ratings will be assigned a default rating – 500 for grade 8 players, 450 for grade 7 players and so forth.

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT** – The tournament field will be divided into two sections with the maximum rating for the lower group about 350. Each week players will play one opponent two times, once with White and once with Black. The team score is the sum of the players scores, regardless of section. The time control is game in 20 minutes. The top six teams and the top six players in each section will receive trophies. Trophies will be awarded at an assembly in January, 2018.

**ENTRY FEE** – The entry fee is \$10.00 per player.

**EQUIPMENT** – Players are responsible for providing sets, boards, clocks and either pen or pencil for writing game notation. Limited numbers of sets, boards and clocks will be available for those without necessary equipment.

**SPONSORS** – Each school must have either a sponsor or parent present. There will be a sponsors and parents meeting during round one.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** – The tournament director is Howard Granok.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** – Please email Howard Granok, [howard@crossroadscollegeprep.org](mailto:howard@crossroadscollegeprep.org), or call him at 314-956-2494