

## 2017 RED ROOK TOURNAMENT

**DATES** – Round 1 of the tournament will be played on Tuesday, November 7th, and will recur each Tuesday on November 14th, November 21st, November 28th, December 5th, and December 12th. We will not make up days missed due to inclement weather. Competition is scheduled to begin at 4:45 PM each week, with registration closing at 4:30 PM.

**PLACE** – The tournament will be played at McKinley Classical Leadership Academy, 2156 Russell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63104.

**REGISTRATION** – Registration is required for each round. Registration will be from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Players or teams registering after 4:30 may not be paired.

**ELIGIBILITY** – All students in kindergarten through grade eight are eligible.

**RATINGS** – This is not a rated tournament, but United States Chess Federation ratings will be used to determine the division in which the student plays. Lower-rated players may compete in the higher section. Players who do not have a USCF rating will be assigned a provisional rating based on their grade level: 100 for K, 150 for 1st grade, 200 for 2nd grade, 250 for 3rd grade, 300 for 4th grade, 350 for 5th grade, 400 for 6th grade, 450 for 7th grade, and 500 for 8th grade.

**FORMAT** – There will be two sections, one for players rated 350 and below, and one for players rated above 350. The cutoff may be adjusted up or down 50 points based on the number of players in each section. Each school may enter any number of four person-teams, or the students may play individually. A team may have players from both sections. In all rounds each player will play two games against one opponent. The team score is the sum of the four players' scores. The time control is game in 20 minutes.

**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.

**AWARDS PRESENTATIONS** – Awards will be presented at an assembly in January, date tbd. Team trophies for first through sixth place will be awarded, and the first through sixth place players in each section will be awarded trophies.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** – Please email Howard Granok: [howard@crossroadscollegeprep.org](mailto:howard@crossroadscollegeprep.org) or telephone (314) 956-2494 on tournament days.