



May the 4th Be With You Chess Championship



May 3, 2025

**A K-12 Scholastic Chess Tournament open to all parochial,
private, and homeschool students.**

Location: [St. Thomas More Parish School](#) 5927 Wigton Dr, Houston, TX 77096

Tournament Info:

- 👤 **Entry Fee:** \$30 through April 27; \$40 thereafter. Registration closes May 2 at midnight.
- 👤 US Chess Membership is required. Discount link provided below.
- 👤 5 round event: Swiss System, Game 25 mins; delay 5 sec, and US Chess rated.
- 👤 Tournament limited to 30 players a section; sections divided by grade and US Chess rating.
- 👤 School awards will be determined by combining the top 4 player scores for each team.
- 👤 **Costumes:** Star Wars-themed attire is encouraged, with prizes for the best costumes.

Schedule:

- 👤 First round will begin as close to 9:00am as possible. Please arrive early!
- 👤 Lunch will be around 11:30am after round 2 is finished.
- 👤 Last round begins around 3:00pm and the award ceremony will be over around 5:00pm.

How to Enter:

- 👤 Online registration: <https://www.foundationchess.org/st-thomas-more-tournament>
- 👤 Purchase US Chess membership for \$13: <http://chess.jliptrap.us/hgroup.htm> - this might take one to a few days, so join ASAP.
- 👤 Provide membership number from email to John Hendrick at john@foundationchess.org.

More Information:

- 👤 Students will be able to play up to 5 rounds (not an elimination tournament). Players are expected to know the rules. A link to rules and expectations is provided below.
- 👤 Chess boards and pieces will be provided. Please bring your chess clocks and notation sheets (if you have them).
- 👤 Parents or guardians are not allowed in the playing area once the round starts. Parents may escort their child to the playing area and take pictures before the round begins.

Helpful Links:

- 👤 Tournament Rules: <https://www.foundationchess.org/tournament-rules-and-expectations>
- 👤 US Chess new member page: <https://new.uschess.org/join-us-chess> (faster registration)
- 👤 John Hendrick's contact: john@foundationchess.org | 832-893-0138
- 👤 Newsletter: <https://www.foundationchess.org> Scroll down and enter email address.