



Monroe 2-Orleans  
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To: Rochester Region High School and Junior/Middle High School Principals  
Buffalo Region High School and Junior/Middle High School Principals

From: Charmy Perry - Coordinator, Gifted and Talented Education  
Ron Lohrman - Interscholastic Chess Coordinator

Re: 2007-08 Interscholastic Chess League

We are pleased that Interscholastic Chess will continue to be offered as a service of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES under the umbrella of Gifted and Talented Education.

As many of you know, an Interscholastic Chess League for the Rochester area has been successful since 1971. Since the establishment of the Chess Center in 1989, the league has experienced growth to include dozens of schools in the Rochester area, and many others in the Buffalo/Niagara area. Chess connects very logically to the other enrichment programming offered through the Division of Gifted and Talented Education, and is now another option for high schools and middle schools. Ron Lohrman and the Rochester Chess Center will still continue to work with coaches, create schedules, run the matches, etc., however the overall administration will be handled by Charmy Perry at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES.

The cost for Interscholastic Chess will be \$200 for the 2007-08 school year. Schools will also be responsible for the cost of transportation.

In order for your school to continue with Chess, or to join for the first time, please do the following:

1. Complete the enclosed Interscholastic Chess Registration Form and return it to Charmy Perry at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES ASAP and definitely by **September 21, 2007**

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2. Give the enclosed Coach's Pre-Scheduling Form to your Chess Coach/Advisor as soon as you know who it is. This information assists greatly in the formation and scheduling of the leagues. **Please note that this form needs to be faxed – the details are on the form.**

The Registration Form, the Coach's Pre-Scheduling Form, and this letter are also posted on the **Chess website - [www.nychess.org](http://www.nychess.org)**

3. As soon as you know definitely that your school will be participating in Chess, please check with your central office and follow the appropriate procedure for requesting a service (Chess) from Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES.
  - \* Public schools outside of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES must complete a cross contract service request and submit it to your BOCES. Your BOCES will then send the service request to Monroe 2 BOCES. (A **sample** cross contract request form is enclosed FYI - your district should have something similar.)
  - \* Buffalo City Schools must submit a letter requesting the service (Interscholastic Chess) directly to Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES.
  - \* Rochester City Schools will be contracting directly with Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. Please check with Judy Rutalis at Central Office for further details.
  - \* Component districts of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES need to submit a "Request for Additional Service" form if Interscholastic Chess was not on your April 1<sup>st</sup> BOCES Service Request.

Once the request for service has been received, your school will be billed for \$200 directly or via your BOCES.

After the registration deadline, your coach/advisor will be contacted by Ron Lohrman about a coaches' meeting. At that meeting the season will be scheduled, process and procedures will be discussed, and there will be plenty of opportunity to address questions and concerns.

If you have questions, please call Charmy Perry at (585) 352-2458 or Ron Lohrman at the Rochester Chess Center at (585) 442-2430 or go to the website: [www.nychess.org](http://www.nychess.org).

Best wishes for a successful school year - we look forward to receiving your registration!

Enclosures