

The Greater Toledo Area High School Chess League Presents

The Fourth Annual Frank Pokrzywa Team Chess Tournament

Saturday October 25, 2008 Maumee Valley Country Day School 1715 S. Reynolds Rd

5 Round Swiss Style Team Tournament

Registration: email to Ken Meinecke - kmeinecke@mvcds.net

Check-in: Saturday morning from 7:30 to 8:15AM (all fees will be collected at the door)

Rounds: the first round will start 5 minutes after the pairings go up, 10, 11:15, 1, 2:15

Time Controls: Rounds 1 to 4 –game in 60 minutes

Round 5 – game in 90 minutes

Cost: \$16 per team (a team consists of four players)

Prizes: Each player of the top 6 teams will receive a trophy.

One trophy will be awarded to the top player on each of first, second, third and fourth boards.

Maumee Valley Country Day School is located at Reynolds Rd and Glendale by Southwyck Mall. There are many restaurants in the area with easy access by car. An extra 45 minutes is planned between the 3rd and 4th rounds to provide time for lunch. Every team will play 5 games regardless of their results. Awards will be presented immediately following the last round and all players must have arrangements for transportation home by 4:30 PM. If a player is unable to attend a certain round, no half point bye will be awarded. A Swiss pairing system is one in which each team will play against another team with the same score in the tournament. For example, if after 3 rounds your team has one match point, you will play against another team with one match point. It is expected that a team will consist of 4 players from the same school. However, if a school has extra players the lowest rated players from different schools may join together to form a team. Teams may also include junior high students to form a team of four. When you email the registration, please include: players first and last name, which board they will play, established ratings if a player has one, age, grade, and high school. All rules of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) will apply.

This tournament is in memory of the mother and father of our tournament director, John Pokrzywa. It is a great opportunity for players to get fired up for the regular chess season which will begin on Monday, November 3. Coaches, please encourage your players to come. It is not required that coaches be present, but it is helpful if coaches or parents can be there for part of the day to help provide supervision during the tournament.