

September 2016



The Space Coast Scholastic Chess League begins its 18th season with the Fall Fracas tournament, on September 24th, at Southwest Middle School. Students from Brevard County (and outside the area) are welcome to play, competing as individuals and with their school mates as a team.

This year I want to increase participation from larger families, by reducing the fee for siblings to \$10. This should increase the number of players and reduce the financial burden of having multiple players. Although the entry fee for one student will increase slightly (from \$15 to \$20), The total cost will be the same for two students, and less than previous for three or more children from a family. We will continue the tradition of waiving the entry fee for first time Brevard County players.

We will continue to have a "Scholastic Experts" section for players rated 1000-1399, and a Scholastic Masters section returns for players rated 1400-1800. The final tournament of the year (Grand Prix) will award cumulative score as well as other worthy achievements.

The Traveling Pawn will continue to be awarded to the Top Team each month, and the permanent property of the school that wins it the most times during the year.

I am excited to return as the Tournament Director, and welcome the assistance of any parents (and students) who want to help make this year the best yet.

I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner

