

## **In-House Tournament Information**

In the final weeks of each session, our chess club holds a semi-annual in-house tournament during regular chess club time.

In preparation for all tournaments, please encourage your child to practice their chess and good sportsmanship skills. Students will be expected to shake hands when they begin and finish a game, refrain from talking (or risk a forfeit), say "good game", and quietly wait for Mr. Acholonu to re-pair them for their next match. The first round of the tournament will be paired randomly, and then winners play winners, losers play losers, etc. The results will determine each player's rating and the group in which that player is placed as we proceed with chess club.

The in-house tournament is a great experience for all students, and especially for those students who are planning on participating in the Elementary Team League or other tournaments this year. Based on past years' chess club experience, we can also say that it is a lot of fun for the children. Beginners who have never participated in a tournament should not fear -- Mr. Acholonu will explain all of the tournament rules for the new players.