

Chess Club brings strategic minds into the lights



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sophomore David Kuo and senior Tanner Metzmeier engage in a Chess Match to reach the rank as top Chess Player. Photo by Abigail Schlaegel

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A student walks towards the door with a worried expression, but as soon as he comes in excitement is written on his face. He acts like he walked into paradise. Chess to some people who are surrounded in strategy it is the gateway to a paradise.

“The best strategy is to adapt and overcome,” said senior Tanner Metzmeier.

Strategy is one of the many factors that can make chess players the best, but sometimes talent is what it takes to reach the top.

“I guess I am the best its taken a lot of talent and experience to be first board,” said sophomore David Kuo.

Sometimes what helps players win is not just skill or practice but just having the right piece at the right time.

“The knight is my favorite piece because he is the only one who can safely attack the queen,”

said senior Daniel Adams.

Strategy is made better by the pieces that are played, but many people’s downfall is favoring one above the other. In those attempts, strategy wins out over whatever pieces are used.

“In chess, the strategy of the player must vary from opponent to opponent because any good chess player knows that there is really no strategy,” said Adams.

What happens in Chess Club does not always surround chess but it is about being with friends in a healthy environment where everyone can talk freely about almost anything.

“Chess Club is fun; like talking to friends about things that is not entirely related to chess,” said Metzmeier.

Some students just come because chess club is a great place to talk and chill with friends.

“It’s just fun to be a part of, and I have friends to hang out with,” said Kuo.

Some of the people who play chess started by

a couple of friends pressuring them to come, but others start with a much friendlier side.

“I just kind of saw flyer in the hallway and I thought ‘Hey, I used to play chess,’ so I joined,” said Kuo.

Experience makes a great player even better but in the case of some people, experience is not the only factor.

“I love chess because the game makes you think about your moves,” said senior Garrett Metz. “It makes you change strategies and you always end up with a different result of what you originally had when the game is over”

Chess Club is an open environment and if anyone wants to come they meet right after school every Monday and Tuesday in the German room.

“Danke, from the Chess Club and we hope to see you there,” said McRae.