Further into Chess and Beyond
Date/time: July 24 – August 14
        Monday 4:00pm-4:50pm; Friday 10:00am-10:50am
Instructor: Gordon Chen
Course description:
In this class students will learn how to become a magician in the middlegame. “Further into Chess...and Beyond!!” will not force players to memorize certain moves and move orders, but rather train intermediate players to recognize tactical patterns and middlegame ideas. The course is focused on exploiting tactical blunders in which material can be one, and also positional chess concepts like outposts, weak squares, weak color complexes, and trading pieces. These ideas are taught to students in a way that even when positions look completely different, similar ideas can be used to either positionally grind out an opponent, win material, or gather a mating attack on the opponent king. There is no age requirement for this class. Instead, players should gauge their chess level to see if this course is right for them yet. There is no rush to take this class. If the time is not right yet, soon it will be. The course encourages creative problem-solving as well as accurate self-reflection. The ideas introduced in this course are vital to winning chess games.
Age requirement: Grade 2-5
(Any questions should be sent to the instructor, Gordon Chen at gck1master@gmail.com.)

About the instructor:
Gordon Chen grew up in Guilford Connecticut, where he spent much of his childhood playing chess. This fall, Gordon will be a freshman at Guilford High School. This year he is turning fourteen years old, and has been seriously playing chess for a year. Gordon Chen started playing chess at the age of six but stopped playing chess seriously and decided to pursue other interests. In fourth grade, Gordon Chen attended the Chess Club at the Southern Connecticut Chinese School. Here, Gordon won the end-of-the-year class tournament, drawing the last game and winning every other. Gordon Chen is still a learning chess player, and hopes that he can share his knowledge with a class of improving players as well. A chess class for improving players and by an improving player.