



## THE FIRST MOVE

*These two seniors told the story on how they joined. Lets see what they have to say:*

### **ALIZA NEWTON, 12**

#### **What do you love the most about chess?**

The thing I love the most about chess is the community that's formed. The members of the team are my closest friends: We ride buses, practice, compete, and win and lose by each others' sides.

#### **Is there anything you have improved on in chess?**

I've learned to think more about position and less about immediate moves. Most grandmasters think around 10-15 moves ahead, which is a lot more than the initial 2 that I started out with.

### **JUSTIN LEE, 12**

#### **What is advice you would give to aspiring players?**

The best advice I could give is to try to fall in love with the game. Once you develop a passion for it, it makes the process of practicing tactics, puzzles, and games much more enjoyable.

#### **What motivated you into joining chess?**

I always liked playing strategy games and chess just so happened to be a club that a lot of my friends were trying out. Once I tried it, I got really hooked on the feeling of improving and beating those I previously couldn't.