

MOVING FROM ONE SQUARE TO THE NEXT ISN'T HOW CHESS IS PLAYED. SHS has a great team and it is all because of their strategies, practice skills, and the large number of people who make up the team.

"There are a lot of people on the team which is fun because it is a very diverse group of people," said **Leah Boyll, 10.**

The chess team usually has two, one and a half hour practices per week. Their season starts in October and ends in November. This may be one team where there are no cuts but a day of tough tournaments will decide which five teammates participate in the weekly GMC matches. Practice doesn't make perfect it makes the team. To be on the chess team you just have to attend the practices.

"I am still shocked by the fact that there are approximately 40 members,

and over 30 students regularly show up for practices and home matches; it has become an extremely popular activity," said **Coach Brackenridge.**

Each member was taught how to take chess notations so that they can later replay the same game to see their good and bad moves too.

Being able to replay a game is interesting because you see what mistakes you make and realize you should have done something else," said **Braxton Sadler, 9.**

This game is not a game of luck, like some people think but a game of strategy and practice.

1. Concentrating on his next move. Ryan Schweet, 12, is an excellent asset to the chess team. Often in the game of chess your focus is very important.



Moves do not make a win

strategies and practices do

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"The game is rigged. Do not let that stop you. If you do not play, you can not win," Michael Loban, 11.

1. Think, think, think. Aditya Gummadeveli, 12, sure hopes to make a good move. He predicts what his opponent would do and he finally made his move.

2. Concentration makes a great game. Michael Loban, 11, sat and waited for his opponent to make a move.

