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Press Release

The Pembroke Hill School sends two squads to the National Youth Action in St. Louis, Missouri on November 17th & 18th 2007 and finishes in top 5 for both teams.

Every year, the United States Chess Federation (USCF) will host 5-6 national events and we were fortunate enough to have this tournament somewhat close to Kansas City. This is a unique tournament for the fact that you can enter teams that go to any particular club, not necessarily from the same school or suburb. There were 9 rounds in total and a bughouse event on Saturday which made for a very long weekend of chess.

The event was held at the Millennium hotel which is a stone's throw away from the Gateway Arch and Busch Stadium where the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team plays. In total there were about 475 players in 4 different sections.

PHS fielded teams in the K-3 and K-6 sections and one player in the K-12 section. In the K-3 section, PHS finished in 3rd place out of 21 teams. The K-6 team finished in 5th place competing against 21 other teams. The PHS squad also had some individual winners:

In the K-3 section

Nicholas Pallotto	30 th	trophy	took first place for the 600-799 rating section
Aaron Swartz	31 st	trophy	took first place for the 400-599 rating section
Daniel Stark	35 th	trophy	took 2 nd place for the 600-799 rating section

In the K-6 section

Andrew Parkerson	34 th	trophy	tied for 25 th place overall
Ryan Hrinya	79 th	trophy	2 nd place for the Under 600 rating section

In the K-12 section

Daiki Sampei	10 th	trophy	6.5/9, highest finish ever at a national event
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Daiki gained 100 points to his rating to make him rated 1450. His only loss was to the 2-time and current MO state champ. Daiki also serves as the assistant for all the chess clubs at PHS. This represents a perfect example of leading by example.

This performance by our entire chess team was the finest showing ever for the school in any national chess tournament.

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