

## **Blake Matheus Ties for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in State Team takes 6<sup>th</sup> Place**

**Congratulations to the state chess teams of LCCS who traveled to Dallas to participate in the 2010 State Scholastic on Feb 20-21 at the downtown Dallas Sheraton. Over 1050 players competed from across the state from DFW, Brownsville, Houston, Austin, Marble Falls, Mexia, and El Paso. It was a long, competitive and nail biting event as we went into the final day.**

**The High School JV Team held First Place until the last two rounds. The team won 6<sup>th</sup> Place Trophy in state in the final standing. This topped our last best scholastic show of 7<sup>th</sup> in State in 2005. Blake Matheus led the team by winning 6/7 games, and tied for 1st Place in State in his division. This is an amazing accomplishment! Way to go Blake! Way to go Eagles! They have topped our past teams' accomplishment. Those on the team were:**

<b>Blake Matheus (11<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Tied for 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ind. in State</b>
<b>Kevin Vickers (11<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Honorable Mention winning 4/7</b>
<b>Tim Deckert (12<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>HM award for winning 4/7</b>
<b>Jack Bentle (10<sup>th</sup>)</b>	
<b>Ashley Sligar (10<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>First state competition</b>

**The HS Championship Team (Rating over 1000) won 12th PL Trophy in State. They competed with only 2 players on the team. They beat out some other full 4-player teams. Those on the team were:**

<b>Thomas Yee (12<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>HM award for winning 4/7</b>
<b>Michael Wansing (12<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>1st time playing this division</b>

**The MS JV Team won 11th PL Trophy in State. They competed with only 2 players on the team beating some teams with a full 4+ players. Those on the team were:**

<b>Foster Ludington (6<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>HM award for winning 4/7</b>
<b>Daniel Vickers (6<sup>th</sup>)</b>	

**Miles Ludington (3<sup>rd</sup> gr) was our star Primary K-3 eagle. He was our entire team. He tied for 8<sup>th</sup> Place Individual Trophy in State by winning 5/7 games. Miles is on fire!**

**We thank LCCS and all our supporters (Mr. Sligar, Mrs. Ludington, Mrs. Vickers, Coach Matheus) who spent the entire weekend with us, driving us, feeding us, and cheering us on.**

**We had a good show at state. Now we prepare for Nationals in Columbus, Ohio in April.**