

Lutheran High Northwest Interim Class Description – 2024  
April 2-5, 2024 (9:00 AM – 2:30 PM)

## Games of Strategy Championship!

Leaders: Mr. Davis and Mr. Weber

Locations: Lutheran High Northwest and Zap Zone (Utica)

Cost: Estimated \$25 plus transportation if needed (students will bring own lunch)



### Rational for Course:

Strategic thinking is a crucial skill in today's world. Planning, weighing the benefits of opportunity vs. vulnerability, creating and prioritizing objectives in achieving a final goal, gathering and effectively using relevant information, calculating and managing risk, adjusting to unexpected changing circumstances or catastrophes, creative thinking, carrying out directives, and working cooperatively with others are all essential and necessary skills required for a successful future in any career. Games of Strategy provide a perfect platform to develop these life skills.

### Description:

**28 students will compete in a series of contests over four days to determine whose strategic thinking reigns supreme!**

A variety of different strategic games (board, card, deduction, diplomacy, active – laser tag) will be used to challenge the student's creativity and strategic thought in various ways. Some games will involve military tactics to defeat an opponent. Some games will involve interactions with a group of students to defeat another team. Some games involve completing specific tasks to achieve victory conditions. Some require solving a mystery while others require spatial thinking. Some rely on deductive reasoning. Some games are played individually against a single opponent, others against many opponents, and still others require working cooperatively with as many as fourteen other students as a team. This vast variety will guarantee different challenges for each student during the competition and require strategizing in different ways for each contest.

### Schedule:

A competition schedule will be created to ensure that all students play against all other students somewhat uniformly and that all students will be able to participate in all contests against similar numbers of participants over the course of the four days. Days are arranged with a morning session (9:00-11:30), a debrief session with lunch break (11:30-12:00), and an afternoon session (12:00-2:30). On Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> our morning session will be held at Zap Zone in Utica with an afternoon session at LHNW to follow. The \$25 cost covers four games of laser tag and a pizza lunch that day. We are hoping for parent volunteers to drive students in need of a ride so as not to incur additional transportation expenses.

After each game, a form will be completed by the contestants and "Strategic Points" will be awarded for specific achievements within each game. Some games are "winner takes all" while others allow ways to earn points through specific achievements. Accumulating "Strategic Points" will allow participants to advance in rank and determine the best strategist over the course of the interim. Each morning, contestants will be notified of the current top scorers and will be given an update of the most recent standings. At the end of the interim, the student who has accumulated the most "Strategic Points" will be declared the Strategic Champion!