

NOVA NEWS

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM SCHOOLNOVA FAMILY!

Dear SchoolNova Families and Students,

As 2025 comes to a close and the holiday season brings lights, celebrations, and a bit of magic into our days, I want to send warm wishes to our SchoolNova family.

We may meet only once a week, but that time truly matters. SchoolNova is a place where children think, try, sometimes struggle, and grow — supported by our teachers, teaching assistants, and small but dedicated administrative team, all working together with care and intention.

This year, SchoolNova brought together over 470 students, 44 teachers, and 19 teaching assistants. We offered 92 online and in-person classes across 12 subjects and seven free clubs.

Our students participated in 7 national and international competitions in Math, Physics, and French. We also run free Advanced Clubs in Math and Physics, where any child who loves solving challenging problems can practice olympiad-level questions and prepare for competitions with world-class instructors.

To our families — thank you for your trust and partnership. To our students — your curiosity, effort, and willingness to think deeply are the heart of SchoolNova. We also want to thank our Board of Directors, whose guidance, dedication, and support help shape the direction of our programs and ensure that SchoolNova remains a strong, vibrant, and welcoming community.

As the year winds down, I hope the holidays bring you warmth, laughter, and time together. May the new year bring fresh ideas, renewed energy, and many moments of learning and joy. I look forward to seeing you in January!

Warm holiday wishes,
Marina Polonskaia
Principal, SchoolNova



SUPPORT US!

We are deeply grateful to our donors, whose generosity allows us to reach more children and stay true to our mission. By donating to SchoolNova, you help us provide more exciting programs and services that ignite our students' passion for learning with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Find more information on our website: [schoolnova.org/support-general](https://www.schoolnova.org/support-general)

SchoolNova at Stony Brook is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible

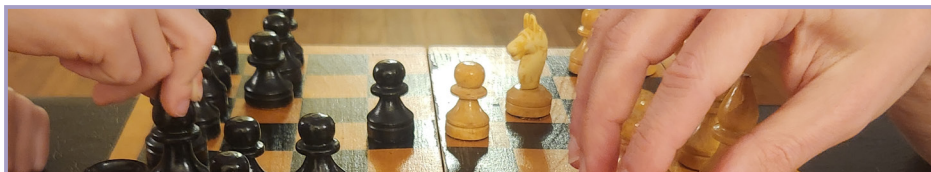


NEW CHESS CLUB

We're excited to announce an upcoming **Chess Club** for young learners at SchoolNova! Children will learn the basics of chess through guided lessons and friendly games with the teacher and peers.

The club is designed for children ages 5 – 7 and will be held in person on Sundays at the SchoolNova campus during regular school hours.

More information and start date to be announced — stay tuned!



SCHOOLNOVA ART EXHIBITION

Don't miss the **SchoolNova Winter Art Exhibition**, a showcase of creativity, passion, and artistic growth of students from our Art classes!

When: **January 18, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm**

Where: **SBS building, North, First floor hallway**



UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

AMC 8

25-question, 40-minute competition designed for students in grade 8 and below.

Competition date: January 22, 2026

Le Grand Concours / National French Contest

An annual competition where students of French in grades 1-12, take a written test and compete against students with similar educational background for prizes.

Competition dates:

Elementary, FLES — March 8, 2026

Middle & High School, Level 01-5 — March 29, 2026

Math Kangaroo

An international mathematics competition open for students ages 7 to 18.

Competition date: March 19, 2026

For more information and registration, check SchoolNova website.

WORK WITH US

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are inviting interested parents to consider joining the **SchoolNova Board of Directors**. Serving on the Board is a meaningful way to support the school beyond the classroom.

Who Can Apply

We welcome parents from a wide range of backgrounds and skill levels. Prior board experience is not required — only a commitment to SchoolNova and a willingness to contribute time and ideas.

Interested?

If you'd like to learn more or apply, please email to **director@schoolnova.org** with a brief note about your interest and your resume or a short background summary.

VOLUNTEERING

SchoolNova is looking for several parents interested in helping us out throughout the year:

Assisting during school hours: various tasks every Sunday.

Events organizing: assistance in preparing the first day of school, the holiday party, and the last day of school. A tuition discount is provided.

Parents committee:

We would like to put together a group of parents who will help SchoolNova with various extracurricular activities.

To learn more, contact Marina Polonskaia at **director@schoolnova.org**



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