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St. Patrick's Community School Esports Team captures provincial championship

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St. Patrick's Community School is thrilled to announce that their Rocket League team, the St. Patrick's Celtics, captured the Alberta Esports Division 2 Championship! The team triumphed at the prestigious Alberta Esports Championship held at the Bow Valley College Esports Arena in Calgary, Alberta from Saturday, May 10 through Sunday, May 11.

The Alberta Esports Championship is recognized as Canada's largest scholastic Esports tournament, bringing together junior high and high school students from across the province to compete live in popular Esports titles including Rocket League, VALORANT, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. The Celtics' victory in Rocket League marks a significant achievement for the school's burgeoning Esports program.

Michael Saretzky, Head Coach of the St. Patrick's Esports Team, expressed his pride in the team's accomplishment at this year's event.

"It has been incredible to watch the Rocket League team grow over the past few years—not just as athletes, but as individuals. Ending the year with a win makes it even more special, especially as many of our players move on to new schools next year. With just one returning player, it marks both a celebration and a new beginning for the team. Competing at a post-secondary institution like Bow Valley College was a unique and inspiring experience. It gave our players a glimpse into the future and the real opportunities that Esports can provide," said Saretzky.

Assistant Coach Keith Davis echoed this sentiment, adding, "As both coach and teacher, I've watched these young competitors grow—not just in skill, but in character. Through every match, win or lose, they've learned resilience, teamwork, and self-belief. Esports isn't just about the

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game; it's about unlocking the potential within, and this tournament was their proving ground. What they've gained goes far beyond the screen—it's experience, confidence, and the courage to keep leveling up in life."

St. Patrick's Community School Principal Mandy Reed said the win is a testament to the team's hard work, strategic thinking, and collaborative spirit.

"We are incredibly proud of our St. Patrick's Celtics Rocket League team for their winning the provincial championship," said Mandy Reed, Principal of St. Patrick's Community School.

"Esports provides our students with valuable opportunities to demonstrate teamwork, problem-solving skills, and sportsmanship, and we are thrilled to see their dedication rewarded on such a significant stage."

Beyond their impressive Rocket League squad, St. Patrick's was also proud to send six talented players from grades 6 through 8 to the Super Smash Tournament, which drew competitors from grades 6 to 12. While victory eluded them this time, the experience was invaluable, and St. Patrick's is thrilled to celebrate a player who brilliantly navigated a field of over a hundred participants to reach the top 32!

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