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St. Joseph's CSS Wins EOSSAA Senior Boys Title, Head to Provincial Finals In Belleville

Kemptville, On – It came down to the wire, but **St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School** from Cornwall took the EOSSAA final over tournament hosts North Grenville DHS by a score of 47-45 in the final game in Kemptville on February 24th.

The team played hard as the lead often changed hands. In the end patience won out and the Panthers are on their way to the OFSAA provincial finals.

Head Coach Jack Chisholm was thrilled with his team's performance saying, "I am so proud of the way these guys handled themselves today and all season long. Our guys never got down for a second and showed the maturity needed to win. It's an unbelievable feeling and I am so happy for them. We are so happy to be going to OFSAA."

Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario **Director Ann Perron** and **Superintendent of Education Jane McMillan** also attended the game.

Director Perron said, "What a terrific game and wonderful accomplishment for this team. We are all so very proud of Coach Chisholm and his players. The sportsmanship they demonstrated on the court this afternoon shows they are wonderful ambassadors of Catholic Education."

Superintendent McMillan was equally pleased, "It was a thrill to watch," **Mrs. McMillan said.** "This is a great example of kids being kids, out there having fun. We are so thrilled with what the team has done so far, and wish them the very best at the provincial championships," added the superintendent.

Standouts for **St. Joseph's** in the final game included **Co-Captain Joel Lariviere** who netted 22 pts and a nod as the game MVP. Fellow **Co-Captain Nick St. John** put forth a solid defensive effort while sinking 6 points and **Cory Piche** added 9 points to the win.

The team now heads to the **OFSAA final in Belleville, Ontario** to be held March 5th to 8th.

(Attached Photos: **StJosephWin1** – Team Photo wearing EOSSAA gold medals, **StJosephWin2** – Coach Jack Chisholm talks to his players during a timeout in the fourth quarter of the final game.)

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