



Esports



Many people don't know about some of the newer teams and clubs in our school. When asked about Esports, they have no idea what goes on or that it even existed!

Esports is one of the less known teams in our school, and I was fortunate to interview two members of the team: Emberly and Isabelle.

One of the cool things about being a part of the Esports team is that there are different games that they play, like Rocket League, Mario Kart, and Smash Bros. The way that the games in Esports work is that in each game there are four players, which is the

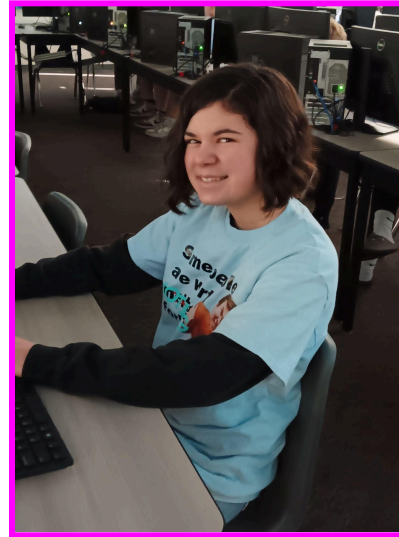
amount needed for a team. During the game, the four people play at the same time and compete together.

The way competition works is the team uses

an app to communicate with the opposing team. Through the app, they give each other a code and are then able to play.

Emberly has been a part of the team since last year and has enjoyed it. Her specialty game is Mario Kart. Something she learned being part of the team is that socializing with their

teammates with good communication skills helps make time go fast and everyone have more fun.



A challenge is that all the

scores add up, so if someone does badly it affects the whole team. Another challenge is that each character has different controls that are better to use for certain maps in the game, so each

player is really important!

The team usually practices during the week on Tuesdays and plays for about an hour and a half after school. The people involved enjoy it because they love the environment and the people in the team.

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The team's coach is Mr. Vick; he helps the team and organizes the events. He coaches the team by encouraging them and helping each player to be more confident. Once they are organized with a strong leader, his job is easy.



Isabelle mentioned that the varsity team is very talented. Last year, they won second place in a large statewide competition hosted by Ken Garff. They placed third the year before.



She also said that everyone talks to each other and gets along really well. The best part of Esports is that everyone has the same interests and gets along.

Isabelle mainly focuses on playing Mario Kart. In Mario Kart, you

need to position yourself correctly, drift well, use items skillfully, and see aspects of the game. Upgrading the Kart also depends on how fast you go.



Esports has a place for anyone who wants to be involved. They welcome new team members, and even though it's not a typical "sport," it's a lot of fun and has a lot of success.

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