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St. John Bosco High School Basketball Team Set to Embark on Cultural and Athletic Journey to China

The reigning CIF State Division One Champions will compete in several exhibition games to promote the school's international student program.

BELLFLOWER, CA -- St. John Bosco High School is partnering with Lartin Brothers Education to send the school's championship-winning basketball team to China in August for what will be a once-in-a-lifetime international experience for its student-athletes.

Lartin Brothers Education is a longtime, trusted partner of St. John Bosco's growing international student program. They have been instrumental in fostering international relationships on behalf of the school and have played a key role in bringing international students to St. John Bosco. A CSIET-certified student management services company renowned for their excellent care of students living abroad, they also manage the on-campus residence hall at St. John Bosco.

"We are delighted to host St. John Bosco High School's basketball team in China," said Larry Liang, President and CEO of Lartin Brothers Education. "This initiative will bridge cultural gaps and provide students from both countries with invaluable experiences. We hope that our expertise will lend a hand in ensuring that St. John Bosco's student-athletes have an enriching and safe experience while abroad."

St. John Bosco High School's Director of International Admissions, Bryce Weiglin added, " We believe that the learning opportunities that come with having students from around the world on our campus enriches all of us at St. John Bosco. We're grateful to be partnering with our friends at Lartin Brothers to provide this transformational experience to our students that will broaden their horizons and foster global understanding."

Head Coach Matt Dunn and the St. John Bosco High School Braves won the CIF State Division 1 Championship in March. The team is led by Elzie Harrington and Brandon McCoy Jr., both of whom are nationally ranked in the top of their respective recruiting classes. Joined by their teammates, 3 of which are from China themselves, they will compete in several exhibition games during their stay in Chengdu, Hanzhong, Luoyang, and Beijing. Between games, they will have the opportunity to experience Chinese culture through food and sightseeing, including to iconic landmarks such as the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City.



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"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our student-athletes," said Head Coach Matt Dunn. "We are excited not only to compete but also to experience Chinese culture firsthand and to serve as ambassadors for the sport that we all love."

St. John Bosco High School junior, Tianhao ("Howie") Wu, is a 7-foot center on the St. John Bosco High School Basketball Team. Howie is from Shandong, China and will travel to his home country with his teammates in August. He said, "When I came to the United States, I never imagined I'd get to travel back home with my team. This trip is going to be an awesome experience not only for my teammates and coaches who will be travelling across the globe, but also for me and my Chinese teammates who will have the opportunity to share our culture with the people who have become like family to us in the US."

"I am excited to show my teammates the rich history and traditions of China," added sophomore Mingyi ("William") Wang, who is also a China native. "It's an awesome chance for us to learn from each other and grow together as a team on and off the court."

The Braves are set to depart for China in early August after the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

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About St. John Bosco High School:

St. John Bosco High School (SJB) is a premier all-boys college preparatory school founded in 1940 and located in Bellflower, California. SJB's distinctive approach to learning creates a welcoming and empowering school environment for its students. With its rigorous and extensive college preparatory curriculum, SJB cultivates every individual's talent and prepares all graduates to successfully enter and meet the demands of higher education. With values rooted in faith, intellect, leadership and citizenship, and a rich culture of brotherhood on and off campus, the young men at SJB are prepared for a life of purpose. Visit us at www.bosco.org to learn more.

About Lartin Brothers Education:

Lartin Education Group was founded in 2016 in Washington, USA. Lartin is an education group that provides international student management services. Lartin Education's China Operations Center is located in Beijing, with offices in Shanghai, Guangzhou, New York, and Boston. Visit <http://www.lartinus.com/> for more information.