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## ALL in the FAMILY

With an eye for detail and an entrepreneur pedigree, sisters Lauren and Mackenzie Hansen are investing in gold.

Growing up, wherever Mackenzie Hansen went, sister Lauren was close behind. They both graduated from St. Norbert Catholic School in 2012 and 2014 respectively, attended Rosary Academy and earned bachelor's degrees from Chapman University.

When they saw the beaded bracelet trend start to take off a few years ago, they looked at each other with the same thought: We can do that.

They tapped into their creative spirit and started watching videos on how to make bracelets. Then they made a few pieces of their own.

"We wore them around and people began to notice them and so we started to sell," says Mackenzie, 26, who works as a clinical specialist at Medtronic assisting physicians with implanting pacemakers and cardiac defibrillators. "We then started to expand our business via Instagram, pop-up shops and eventually our own website."

Based in Orange County, Made Ya Look's line now

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Lauren Hansen (left) and sister Mackenzie (Hansen) Wiens enjoy collaborating on jewelry designs.

## ALUMNI in the NEWS

### 1970s

**Paul Mazarella** (1974) graduated from Servite before earning a bachelor's degree at University of Notre Dame. He is currently a senior finance director for Stride, Inc., where he is responsible for the financial oversight of California schools.

After playing football for Servite and graduating from Princeton University, **Doug Butler** (1978) went on to play quarterback for the New York Giants. He now owns data centers and resides in Northern California.

### 1990s

**Alicia (Ramirez) Westphalen** (1998) is helping buyers find their next home as a Realtor with First Team Real Estate in Tustin.

**Kevin Bartholemy** (1998) graduated from Servite then Cal State Fullerton, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting. He switched gears and ended up pursuing his passion: cars. Today he builds Porsche race cars and does race support at The Thermal Club in Riverside County. He travels across the country to different races on the IMSA circuit, including Laguna Seca and Le Mans, with his team.

### 2000s

**Danny Doyle** (2000) graduated from Mater Dei and Boston College before earning his master's degree in finance at Northeastern University. He now works as a deal desk manager for Imprivata in Boston.



LPGA Pro Jeanne Weaver has been coaching golf at Rosary since 2019.

# Fairways & Greens

**Jeanne (Donnelly) Weaver** (1978) is so sure she can teach anyone to play and enjoy golf that she recently approached talk show host Kelly Ripa in Palm Springs and told her so. She then handed Kelly her business card.

It's that optimism that has gotten Jeanne through tough times in her life. Those lessons, she said, started as a student at St. Norbert Catholic School, where she met lifelong friends and mentors, including Trudy Mazarella, SNCS mom and occasional school nurse who eventually taught religion at Marywood then was an academic counselor, assistant principal and president at Rosary Academy before becoming founder of the docent program at Christ Cathedral.

"She knew how to not let anyone slip through the cracks," Jeanne says. "And everywhere I went (in life), she was there. Mrs. Mazz was a woman I was honored to know and who I looked up to since I was 8 years old at St. Norbert's."

After graduating from SNCS, Jeanne enrolled at Marywood, which would eventually close. She transferred high schools at the same time her parents were divorcing.

Jeanne graduated from Rosary and walked herself on to the Cal State Fullerton campus, where she obtained a bachelor's degree and played on the golf team. In the '90s, she moved to the Temecula area, where she won seven championships at Temecula Creek Golf Club and opened two successful used furniture stores. When her marriage ended, the single mother of two decided to redefine her future.

At age 36, Jeanne called the LPGA and asked how to become a certified golf professional. Due to costs and logistics, she needed to qualify with the PGA, a much more rigorous process she conquered.

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## EVENTS & AROUND CAMPUS

### Efforts under way to mark 60th Anniversary

As we prepare for St. Norbert Catholic School's 60th anniversary celebration, we are looking for alumni students, parents and faculty who want to help plan events and connect with our community from the last six decades. Please contact Sharon Pearson at (714) 501-0652 or [spearson@saintnorbertschool.com](mailto:spearson@saintnorbertschool.com). Look for upcoming details regarding our big gala slated Nov. 8, 2025.

### Join us at Alumni Mass, Pancake Breakfast

Check out updates on campus and visit with former and current teachers and alumni at SNCS's Open House and delicious Pancake Breakfast on Sunday Jan. 26 in the Family & Youth Center (gym). Breakfast will be served 8 a.m. to noon; the student-led alumni Mass is 10 a.m.; and the open house is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast tickets will be sold beginning at 8 a.m. in front of the gym. Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade's class trip to Washington D.C.

### Fish Frys are Back and Tastier Than Ever

Whether you worked it or just attended, Fish Fry is fun, fun, fun. Enjoy fellowship and fresh fish (or burritos!) during Lent when our junior high families host Fish Fry 5 to 8 PM every Friday beginning March 7, 2025, in the Family & Youth Center. Menu includes fish and chips, fish tacos, cheese pizza, quesadilla and burrito plates. Meals are available dine-in, take-out and in the drive-thru line. Meal tickets will be available in front of the gym every Friday and will also be sold after all weekend Masses leading up to and during Fish Fry. We will also have fabulous silent auction baskets and 50/50 opportunity drawings throughout the breakfast. Proceeds help our junior high students attend their Washington, D.C. Expedition. Thank you for your support!

### Celebrating 25 Years of SNCS Service

This year marks a milestone for alumna **Patty (Ward) McKimmey** (1980): 25 years at SNCS teaching kindergarten. Congratulations to Patty and thank you for educating, guiding and loving our children in their formative years!

### Help Those in Need in Our Community

Alumna **Michelle (Ortiz) Navarro** (1990) is heading up St. Norbert Church's Christian Service food distribution and is looking for volunteers 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Join alumni, current families and parishioners as they assemble bags of food for more than 300 families each week behind the St. Norbert Family & Youth Center. To sign up, email [christianservice@stnorbertchurch.org](mailto:christianservice@stnorbertchurch.org).

### Invest in the Future of SNCS

Honor a loved one who valued Catholic education by donating a monetary gift or non-cash financial instruments, such as stocks or mutual funds, to St. Norbert Catholic School. Our needs include:

- **SNCS Endowment Fund:** Provides financial support now and into the future. Funds are used to reduce or stabilize the school's deficit.
- **Tuition Assistance Fund:** Gifts of any amount help families struggling to meet their child(ren)'s tuition costs (about \$8,100/year).
- **Legacy o1 Light:** Contributions help finance projects that improve the school's safety, durability and energy efficiency.
- **Kathy Oldham Children's Fund:** Supports our school in a way that honors our dear friend Kathy Oldham and her love of family, children, faith and art education.

To arrange a donation, please call (714) 637-6822 or email [info@saintnorbertschool.org](mailto:info@saintnorbertschool.org).

**Dallas Bock** (2004) went on to graduate from Servite and is working as a charter boat captain at Maggie Joe's Sport-fishing in Honolulu.

**Andrew Bornhop** (2009) graduated from Servite and Cal State Fullerton with a business degree and now works for Merck pharmaceutical company in San Diego as a senior sales representative.

After studying hotel, retail, tourism management at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, **Rachel Sosnowski** (2009) is a contract administration coordinator for Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority in North Carolina.

### 2010s

Servite and Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology graduate **Jarett Bilash** (2012) is in his third year of teaching freshmen theology at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. He is also involved in St. Norbert Church's home-bound ministry, bringing communion to the sick.

**Chayse Gomez** (2015) has been named assistant golf coach at Cal State Fullerton after graduating from Rosary Academy and then Oregon State last year, where she was named an All-American Scholar by the Women's Golf Coaches Association.

Do you have news to share? We'd love to hear! Email your Alumni Update to [alumni@saintnorbertschool.org](mailto:alumni@saintnorbertschool.org).



# Lisa Bartholemy: SNCS librarian 1998-2022

Any student who attended St. Norbert Catholic School in the last three decades knew Lisa (Bukovskis) Bartholemy. She wasn't just the librarian; she was the inspiration behind many who love to read today.

Lisa grew up in Anaheim, attending St. Anthony Claret Catholic School then Katella High School. She graduated with an associate's degree from Fullerton College and worked for the Anaheim School District as a substitute teacher and special needs teacher's aide. That was until SNCS, where her own children were enrolled, needed a librarian.

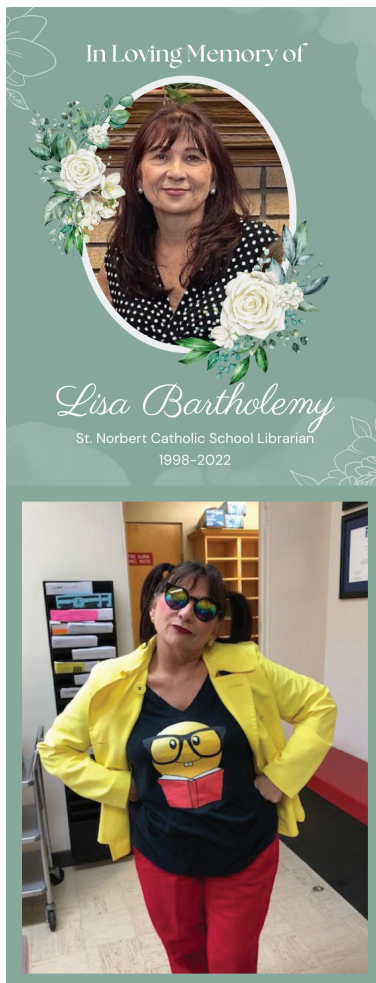
She headed up the Accelerated Reader program and annual book fair, serving SNCS for 24 years before retiring in June 2022 to spend more time with her grandson.

Principal Joe Ciccoianni says the most memorable thing about Lisa was her heart.

"Lisa truly cared about the people around her and she showed this in small actions," Ciccoianni says. "Her gentleness and concern will be greatly missed."

SNCS alumni parent Jeanne Baumann was one of the many who experienced Lisa's kindness.

"She hosted a luncheon at the end of every year for the moms who volunteered in



the library," Baumann says. "She was a really good cook and baker. Amazing scones."

Lisa was always up for good conversation.

"Knowing that I could be found answering email in my office she'd pop in and ask if I had time for a question," Ciccoianni says. "Inevitably we'd begin chatting about our families and she took a sincere interest in my kids, their interests and, of course, what they like to read."

Baumann felt the same way.

"When I volunteered in the library I always stayed longer just to chitchat," Baumann says. "She was like a mom and friend wrapped into one. I never left without a hug from her."

Alumni parent Suha Tadros, who volunteered in the library for nearly a decade, says she appreciated Lisa's enthusiasm for reading.

"I loved watching her read to the kids sitting on the rug," Tadros says. "She had a way of showing them the pictures in the book along with reading the lines. She was always passionate and very dedicated to her job."

Lisa passed away Aug. 26, 2024, at the age of 69. She is survived by her husband, Dan; son Kevin (1998) and daughters Shannon (1996) and Janelle (2000); and grandson Beau.

## STAFF & FACULTY

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Mary dePazzi)

Sr. Frances O'Leary

Sr. Mary Raphael (aka Sr.

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Class of 1975

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**Tim McNamara, Leigh Ann McNamara**



**Larry Conzelman, Kelly McNamara, Peggy Duquesnal Malbon, Steve Echolds, Anne Gilmore Cardenas**

**50 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP**

About 16 members of the SNCS class of 1974 celebrated their 50-year reunion in September at Wise Guys Pizza—owned by Tim (1972) and Leigh Ann (1973) McNamara— in Yorba Linda. “Best class ever in the history of St. Norbert’s,” says alumnus Paul Mazzarella.



**Chris Hovorka Weimer, Steve Echolds, Melody Scott Luke**

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She restarted her career and became an LPGA Golf Professional in 2001, offering private and group golf lessons. Today she teaches male and female, young and old, but emphasizes how much fun she has between her coaching and working with women over 50.

In 2016, Jeanne was inducted into Rosary’s Academic Wall of Fame. She has since moved back to Orange County and in 2019 returned to Rosary as the head golf coach—alongside son and pro golfer Richard Weaver, who works as the varsity golf coach.

Life has come full circle, and few things have remained the same, including Jeanne’s ties to SNCS. As co-moderator of the Class of 1978 Facebook page, Jeanne boasts 39 members, not a far cry from the

43 students who graduated that year. She has many fond memories of her time at the school.

There was classmate Doug Butler, who kept their teacher on her toes.

“He’d smack the erasers together and a cloud of chalk would fill the air,” Jeanne laughs. “Sister Cabrini would chase him around the third-grade classroom. Doug went on to attend Princeton and his courage and determination brought him tremendous success.”

There was the game of jacks every morning on the library steps with Lori (Lee) Warde, ice cream sold at lunch and the epic dodge ball battles with the super



athletic and competitive Bridget Molthen and Jolene Muckenthaler.

These days Jeanne says she is most proud of her coaching gig at Rosary.

“During Covid, my husband set up a teaching area for me in our backyard,” Jeanne says. “A new student

arrived and was excited to learn from a certified LPGA professional. Turns out, his father and grandfather built the brick and mortar that is Rosary Academy in 1965, and his daughter was a 2013 graduate. He was so impressed by what we’d created in the backyard that he offered to build a practice facility for me at Rosary and he did it—for free.”

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includes bracelets, earrings, necklaces and rings in gold-filled, sterling silver and rose gold-filled. The Religious Collection features beautiful pieces that honor their Catholic faith.

Their first sales were at the Servite Fashion Show; the response was overwhelming. They now sell through their website and various fashion shows and events in the area.

Working with a sibling can be a challenge, but not for the Hansen sisters.

"I think that it works for us two because we are best friends," says Lauren, 24, who will finish her master's degree in speech language pathology this month. "We enjoy spending time together and coming up with new ideas. We both know each other's strengths and weaknesses and have different roles throughout our business."

With their youngest brother, Ben, in 8th grade at SNCS, Mackenzie and Lau-

ren enjoy running into former classmates at school events and catching up.

Mackenzie says her fondest memories include campaigning for student council and serving as the religious affairs commissioner.

"One of the things I had wanted to do was add a prayer board in the hallways where students could come up and write on a paper and pin it to the board who they want everyone to be praying for," Mackenzie recalls. "I remember how excited I was when I worked with the principal at the time, Mr. Loffer, to make it happen."

For Lauren, it was heading up the talent show that stands out.

"This gave me the opportunity to lead and organize a large event with a large amount of people," Lauren says. "Through this, I not only had a great time, but I also learned how to stay organized and work with people of all ages and different ideas and personalities."

Lauren and Mackenzie credit their



Mackenzie (Hansen) Wiens (left) in 2nd grade and Lauren Hansen in kindergarten at SNCS

family's support for helping them navigate full-time careers and running a growing jewelry business on the side.

"Our family is our biggest supporters," Mackenzie says. "A lot of our jewelry is inspired by our family and most are named after them too. They are always the first people we ask to see if they like something new we may want to add to our collection."



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