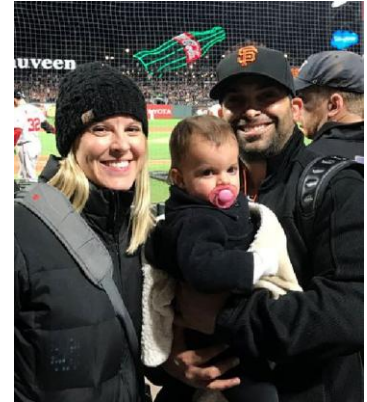


VICE PRINCIPAL FOCUS

Getting to Know Vice Principal Ben Campopiano

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Tell us about your formative years in education.

I attended Walnut Acres, Foothill, and Northgate, and I have absolutely great memories of my early education years. My time as a student at Northgate prepared me well for college and career and enabled me to meet some of my best friends to this day. I'm grateful for my formative education and thankful for the great teachers I had over the years-many of them (including my Mom and brother who are in education as well) inspired me to pursue education as a career. After high school, I graduated from Saint Mary's College, and then received my Teaching Credential from Brandman University, and Masters in Education from Cal State University East Bay.

When did you come to Northgate and why?

I started teaching at Northgate in 2008 and became an administrator last fall, in 2016. Northgate is truly a great place to work and I knew that I always wanted to work here if possible. It's so great working in an institution that helped shape me, and I couldn't be happier than I am with what I'm doing right now. I love my job and am so thankful for this opportunity to do what I do.

In your role as Vice Principal, what are your responsibilities and priorities?

Key areas that I oversee are athletics, facilities, Strategic Support, Link Crew, Care Team, Literacy Development, Safety, and Walk Through Registration. I oversee the Social Studies, World Languages, and Physical Education Departments as well.

What is unique about Northgate? What changes have you noticed since you arrived?

Northgate has a very positive culture- the students are motivated and high achieving, and the staff is dedicated and keeps high expectations. People get along well, treat each other with respect, and work together to solve problems and get things done. I'm proud to be a member of this staff and have seen a great deal of improvement across the board during my time here.

As you think about Northgate's future, what are you most excited about?

I'm excited to see how we can continue to improve our social and emotional services to help kids be happy and healthy. Currently, 1 in 5 adolescents in the United States live with a mental health condition, so it's critical that we continue to explore ways to support kids who are struggling with mental, physical,

or emotional health issues. I'm also excited to see the dramatic changes in our Athletic Department under the guidance of our Athletic Directors, Earle Paynton and Ben Ballard, and look forward to seeing our student-athletes excel on and off the field at higher levels than ever before.

What's life like outside of work for you?

My wife and I have a 19-month old daughter, Kate, so our life right now is all about rhyming books and Sesame Street songs. Other than lots of family time, I love spending time watching a game (Go Giants, Niners, and Warriors!), reading a book, or checking the news. I'm also getting my Principal credential at CSU East Bay, so I still get to be a student! Thanks for reading and please send me [an email](#) if you have questions, need something, or want to chat! *Go Broncos!*