

Ryan's Story Presentation - Student Comments

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"For the second question [was the information helpful?] I only put agree because it may be sad for a younger age and emotional parents. Bullies will definitely stop if they heard that! I will be an upstander. I wish I could have helped you and your family through this. Tell Conner and Megan God has a plan so just survive in his hand."

"I loved this presentation! This will touch my heart forever, I am ever sorry for your loss and hope that you, your wife, Conner and Megan are okay."

"This presentation was wonderful. Mr. Halligan was a stupendous speaker. He was very brave to do that and we all appreciated him."

"It helped me know that if you get mad and want to kill yourself, don't."

"Thank you for the speech because it helped me realize how thankful I should be for all my family especially to my siblings."

"I know how hard it is to lose something like that, my dog died of old age."

"This presentation made me understand the worst and most hurtful type of outcome for bullying. I have already recommended this presentation to some people. I was truly moved after hearing this."

"This really helps me to recognize that what you do, even if it is a joke, can damage someone and their family forever."

"I think that this information helped me understand that cyberbullying or any sort need to be stopped when seen. If I see anyone hurt or cyberbullied, I will put a stop to it, and hope others will too."

"I thought this presentation was heartwarming. I will always remember this. I also wish there was a time machine. Thank you for coming to talk to our school."

"The presentation made me realize that bullying can be a horrible thing. I already knew what can happen to people's life."

"The story made me realize how much I'm loved."

"This story that he told was life changing. I hope everybody realized that we are all equal."

"I think this was a sad event and I hope their family is doing well."

"It was a very sad story. I once lost two cats in a year. One was killed by a dog. It was very sad. This story really helped me know about how bullying affects people."

"It was very sad to know he killed himself because he was getting bullied."

"This was a good but sad story. When I read that, it made me feel sad for him. I don't want that to happen to anybody."

"I feel the same way you do, and I'm very sorry for your loss. I lost my grandmother by cancer a year ago."

"I will always remember this presentation."

"I thank him so much. It was a great presentation. It just hurts me to know that people are so rude and mean. I am very sorry for his loss."

"I thought the presentation was a chance to see that bullying is wrong and will really hurt the person getting bullied. I understand how I can help stop bullying."

"This presentation was very touching and I can't believe that a family went through this."

"I learned so much from this presentation. I am so happy that Mr. Halligan shared his story with us."

"This was a very sad story but it helped me understand how bad bullying is."

"This presentation was devastating and sad, but very educational."

"This wonderful man showed us that bullying was wrong and what could happen if you are being bullied or bullying someone else."

"The story really touched me. I think many people would feel the same way."

"I thought it was sad and even though I didn't know him, I wish Ryan was here."

"The presentation was very good in my opinion. Now I know how bad people might feel. This presentation really touched me."

"So amazing and really deep. Makes me so much more aware."

"Nobody should be bullied because we are all made special."

"I am very sorry for your loss and your presentation was very moving. Thank you."

"That presentation is helpful for others who are bullied."

"I think it was very interesting presentation and it helped me understand bullying."

"This presentation mean a lot because I have been bullied in the past. I have already recommended this presentation to other people."

"Very powerful"

“It was an excellent presentation. I made me start to think before I act.”

“Mr. Halligan is a brave, courageous, and well-spoken speaker”

“I think that everyone should hear this speech because it really does help people understand bullying.”

“It was nice and now I understand how bullying hurts others more.”

“It was a very emotional and moving. Thanks to Mr. Halligan for sharing this experience with us so we can help others.”

“It was very nice how he was pretty open to the story compared to some people that go through a situation like this aren't very open to everything.”

“I think it was very good how he explained what to do in a bullying situation.”

“I think it helped me to understand what other people might feel if they get bullied and I realized I should help to stop it.”

“This really showed me to respect and help out the family and the child that's being bullied.”

“After the presentation, I felt like a different person.”

“It was very inspirational and touching and I gained a lot from it.”

“You are very faithful to explain their tragic event to teach us a lesson.”

“I liked how Mr. Halligan was open to so many questions, even after that horrible ordeal he went through. It was a very strong presentation.”

“I think Mr. Halligan delivered a great message. His speech inspired me to remember how painful words can be, and also to think of the positive things.”

“I really thank you for coming and doing this speech, it must take a lot of willpower. Also, it was very strong of you not to hurt the bully, but to make him realize his mistake.”

“I thought the presentation was very well done. I learned how badly the outcome of bullying can be. I really feel that I learned a lot and I've become more aware of some of the things I have done myself and I will put it to a stop. I couldn't imagine how much guilt I would feel if I was in the place of the bully. I also couldn't imagine losing someone I loved to something like that. Overall I learned a lot and have changed my actions forever.”

“I believe that Mr. Halligan did very well presenting and explaining and I thank him for sharing his story with us.”

“I thought this presentation was very informative. It told me not to take life for granted.”

“was very sad, but it was a very good presentation. I thoroughly enjoyed it and learned a very important lesson.”

“I thought this presentation was very informative and helpful for me.”

“I felt really sorry Mr. Halligan I can’t imagine what he went through. I also think that watching that presentation really got to me and I recommend going to it.”

“I felt bad for the boy who was being bullied. I wish the parents would have talked to the boy the first time. Bullying is now more meaningful to me.”

“It helped me understand more on the effects of bullying.”

“I know how hard and painful it must be for Mr. Halligan to go up and talk about all the suffering and pain he went through. I thank him because it truly shows how if I were to kill myself how it would affect my family.”

“I really thought the presentation was very good. I thought Mr. Halligan is very brave for being able to talk about this terrible event to help each other.”

“This was a very powerful talk. It touched me deep down in the heart, especially when he was talking about the sister. I would very strongly recommend this presentation to others. I am so sorry for his loss. I will keep him in our prayers.”

“I thought this presentation was helpful, and hopefully opened a lot of people’s eyes, to the outcome of harsh words. I’ve heard people say that they don’t think bullying happens at our school. The thing is they’re the ones doing it. Even though as painful as the presentation was, I appreciated it.”

“I thought the presentation was great! It really showed me how much you affect someone’s life if you bully them. After hearing this presentation I never want to hurt anyone.”

“I am very thankful for you coming to our school and hearing Ryan’s story with us. I think it helped us learn a lot more about the effect of bullying. Thank you.”

“amazing presentation. He explained everything very well, such as the affects of bullying/suicide and how to prevent it from happening.”

“I really liked how honest and open he was. He turned a tragic situation into a positive lesson to teach others. I really thought a lot of people became aware of their thoughts and actions. It was very powerful.”

“This showed me the chain reaction of how bullying can hurt a whole family. I was very impressed as to how he kept his cool and he was very informative.”

“I liked how he explained the whole story of Ryan’s life story and how we can prevent teen suicide and bullying.”

"I really enjoyed the presentation it was very powerful. I am really glad we got to hear him."

"I really loved your presentation. I hope this presentation will show others how much bullying hurts and what it can do. It was a very powerful and educational presentation."

"I hope your family gets better."

"I thought the presentation was very good. I am grateful that Mr. Halligan was brave enough and courageous enough to tell us about his son's story. I believe that presentation changed my whole outlook on bullying."

"You Mr. Halligan are a very strong person to be able to keep your composure while doing that."

"I thought the presentation was very powerful and sent out a good message to everyone."

"I believe that not only did that man teach us about bullying, he also was a role model by having the ability to go on stage and talk to others after that tragedy. I really enjoyed the presentation."

"I thought the presentation was very good. Mr. Halligan was a very good speaker and his son's experience made me think more about bullying."

"It really taught me that words can hurt more than actions."

"I loved the presentation. It was sad, but I learned that there can be a risk of suicide if we don't speak up."

"I really loved the presentation it was very moving and very helpful. I have never bullied anyone but it makes me feel that I need to be nicer."

"I thought the presentation was very well thought out and it really touched my heart. I learned that bullying is not okay and can be stopped very easily."

"I thought he did a wonderful job and I learned that when you stand up to a bully it can change the course of someone's life."

"A very sad story, but it was fantastic that this brave man helped others while he was in deep sorrow; glad I learned about this."

"This presentation changed the way I look at reactions to others have. I have been a bystander before but now if I ever experience or see bullying, I will know what to do."

"I thought it was a strong/beautiful/empowering presentation. I think it truly showed the value of life and how wrong bullying is and I felt a connection with Ryan and his story how his life made such an impact. I think anyone would learn and have their heart touched like mine. There wasn't a dry eye in the room. Thank you for everything!"

“I thought it was amazing that he can stand up and tell his story so well. I will definitely remember Mr. Halligan’s presentation.”

“It was very touching. I liked how he opened his heart to us. I really enjoyed it and very thankful he came!”

“The feeling that being bullied gives you is one of the worst feelings in my opinion. No one deserves to be bullied. This is one of the many things I learned at the presentation.”

“He was amazing! He really inspired me to always be kind to others. I really felt his pain and his family’s. I would love to listen to him again.”

“I loved this presentation. It really did speak out to me. I have been bullied myself and it isn’t a great feeling at all. Mr. Halligan and his family will forever be in my prayers.”

“The presentation was very informative. It has made me think twice about what I say to others.”

“I don’t think it could be more perfect! It was straight to the point and I believe that Mr. Halligan’s calling in like was to speak out against bullying. He was wonderful.”

“How can you talk about this tragic situation without crying or getting upset? You gave strong advice, and I think people will learn not to bully others. You really spoke to me and made me think about if I ever bullied anyone. Thank you for talking to us.”

“This presentation is very important to me because it helps you when you need good advice when you’re being bullied. It was very sad to have someone die. This presentation is very strong to me.”