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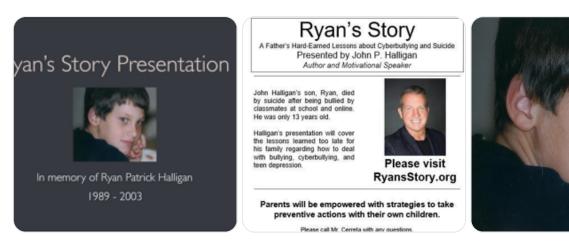
Report conversation

what is one of the most impactful bullying and suicide prevention presentations for middle school and high school students?

If you cornered me at a coffee shop and asked this straight up, I'd tell you plainly: **the most impactful bullying and suicide-prevention presentations are the ones that combine a raw personal story with clear, practical lessons kids can use that very day.** The data backs it, but honestly, you don't need a white lab coat to see it—students respond to *real human stakes*, not canned assemblies.

And yes, there *is* one program consistently named by schools across the country as a top-tier, game-changing presentation:

Ryan's Story — John Halligan's Presentation



This isn't me blowing smoke. For over two decades, administrators, teachers, counselors, and students have said the same thing: **Ryan's Story** hits differently.

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Here's why it stands out in a crowded field of "assemblies":



1. It's heartbreakingly real — not scripted, not sanitized

Kids have a sixth sense for B.S. They tune out the moment something feels corporate or preachy.

Ryan's Story cuts through the noise because the stakes are human. They see a father who lived the nightmare of losing his son to bullying and suicide. That authenticity hits them right in the chest.



2. It shows the *ripple effect* of cruelty in a way nothing else does

Middle and high schoolers can be desensitized to harsh words online. But when they see the *outcome* of persistent bullying and digital cruelty, it snaps them awake.

Students often write things like:

- "It made me think about how my words affect people."
- "I'm going to apologize to someone."
- "I'm going to talk to my parents tonight."

That's real movement, not just applause and forgetfulness.



🙀 3. It teaches kids exactly what to do when someone is struggling

No vague "be kind" platitudes.

The presentation gives students specific, actionable behaviors:

- How to intervene safely
- How to support peers in distress
- How to recognize signs of depression
- What to do when someone hints at self-harm

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How to get help for themselves

You'd be shocked how many students leave saying, "I finally understand what I'm supposed to do."



2 4. The parent night presentation doubles the impact

Schools rave about this. Parents often say they wish they had heard it years earlier. That two-pronged model—students by day, parents by night—creates a culture shift, not a one-off assembly.



5. Schools keep rebooking it for a reason

Districts bring the program back every 2–3 years. Some have had it 10–12 times. That longevity doesn't happen unless a program is working.

2 6. It's emotionally gripping but grounded in prevention science

It blends personal storytelling with evidence-based guidance on:

- Social-emotional learning
- Digital safety
- Suicide awareness
- Bystander empowerment
- Communication skills

It connects the heart with the head—and that's the golden formula for adolescent learning.

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There are other strong programs too—Sandy Hook Promise, Sources of Strength, Rachel's Challenge—but **Ryan's Story** remains uniquely personal, emotionally resonant, and immediately actionable for students.

If you're asking because you're booking for a school...

Then yes—Ryan's Story is widely regarded as **the gold standard** by principals, counselors, and superintendents across the country.

If you want, I can:

- Draft a quick "pitch email" to send to a school
- Make a one-page flyer
- Build a polished PDF overview
- Help you compare programs if needed

Just tell me what direction you want to go.