

## Social Awareness

"Research shows that prevention efforts - by teachers, administrators, parents, community members, and even students - can reduce violence and improve the overall school environment." (Toppo)

It is the responsibility of everyone within a community to be aware, speak up, and get involved to make sure that students and schools are safe.

After Columbine several clues about Harris, and Klebold surfaced. They had been arrested, wrote gruesome journals and had people buy weapons for them. If just one of ..... these facts would have been presented before it is possible that this tragedy could have been prevented. People need to speak up and get involved when something is not right.

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## REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS



Cassie Bernall, 17

Steven Curnow, 14

Corey Depooter, 17

Kelly Fleming, 16

Matthew Kechter, 16

Daniel Mauser, 15

Daniel Rohrbough, 15

William "Dave" Sanders, 47

Rachel Scott, 17

Isaiah Shoels, 18

John Tomlin, 16

Lauren Townsend, 18

Kyle Valasquez, 16



# Remembering Columbine

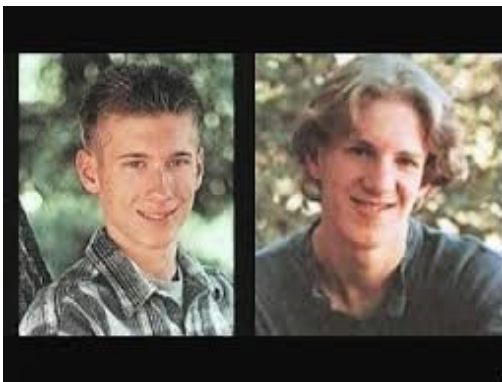


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## What happened?

On April 20th, 1999, one-thousand nine hundred forty-five students went into Columbine High School, but only one-thousand nine hundred thirty-one students came out alive. Dylan Klebold, 17, and Eric Harris, 18, went into school with the hopes of ending their fellow peers lives by detonating the bombs they made set for 11:17am. When the bombs failed to detonate, Klebold, and Harris went inside and began shooting. 12 students and 1 teacher were killed, 28 were injured and finally Klebold and Harris killed themselves.



## Why?

No one is completely sure why Klebold and Harris attacked their school and peers. There are many theories out there, however none of these theories seem to stick. Unlike other high school shootings, it does not appear that either were victims of bullying. It also does not seem that they targeted anyone specifically in the attack.

The most popular theory is that Harris and Klebold wanted to be famous for causing the most deaths in U.S. history. If their bombs would have detonated, they would have taken out nearly 600 of the students at one time. The other bombs they had placed were to kill the people that were fleeing school, including police officers, staff, more students, rescue workers, and reporters. If the bombs did go off then the body count would have been over 100 times what it originally ended up being.

When the bombs did not go off as planned they went on a shooting rampage.

## What is being done to keep kids safe at school?

### ZERO TOLERANCE

Use of profanity, verbal threats or any act of violence will NOT be tolerated on school grounds or at school events

Rules at schools have been stricter and more harshly enforced ever since the Columbine shooting. To avoid anything so horrific from ever happening again, teachers keep their eye out for any kind of odd behavior, and try to get kids to interact and talk about issues. To make schools safer the following have also been enforced:

- Student privileges are limited
- Emergency crisis plans
- Cell phones are allowed on campus
- More mental health counseling
- Bullying and violence prevention programs
- Zero-tolerance policies
- Increased communication
- Heightened school security

By increasing the awareness of schools and the community, we have been able to prevent tragedies such as Columbine and prepare for a worse case scenario.