

Sailesh – Hello, my name is Sailesh, and today I will be talking about the incident and questions will include things like what made someone feel better. Throughout the video I will be interviewing John, Ethan, Dominic, and Bryan.

Finn - Welcome back to Table Talk with Sai, with guest showings of John and Ethan.

Sailesh - So the thing I'm going to talk about is the aftermath of the incident that happened in our junior year. My first question is, what did the school do that like helped you like, get better?

Ethan - Well, after the shooting there wasn't really too much you could do. Specific situation, you know, like people's attentions and like emotions are at all time high. You know things you couldn't your life could have distended. You know something that the school did do good cuz I think give everybody virtual school. I know there was something said where they wanted to do like go to a different school and like have school there. Personally, I felt against that because you're going to a brand new school and like things just happened recently and I think you didn't give like enough time to like calm your emotions.

John - I agree with you said just the idea of going to know to school and acting is there's nothing ever happened. Really felt off like I felt like we should have accepted what happened and which was a very traffic event. We should have had time to recover fully and then slowly ease back into normal life.

Sailesh - What are some fun things that you did that helped you emotionally during the during the breath that we got?

Ethan - I would say just mostly spending time at home, really. I mean, like I personally wasn't too much affected by it. I think that's something that helped me like be stressed and like just calm down. Was like staying at home and like relaxing, reading books, things like that. I'm just taking time for myself. I think that really helped me a little bit in my opinion, I was.

John - Just playing video games and I was having a blast. You know, I was trying not to think about the events the best of my ability, although it was definitely tragic. But I would, you know, go outside, walk around the park, play video games and you know, talk to my friends. You know, a couple of us, we went to town grow, we got some snacks and we had a Jelly good time.

Ethan - I will say Minecraft was like a very big point at that time for you. Spending home playing Minecraft is like relaxing.

Sailesh - Do you think you're closer to your peers because of what happened?

Ethan - I would say yes. I think like despite everything that went on, like everybody's sticking together and like, poking each other and accompanying each other really was like beneficial for not only the people being, like, affected the most or people that, like, saw things, but like, people in general. Like, I think everybody got a good connection out of it. And despite everything that went on, we can find happiness in each other.

John - I feel like the event allowed us to set aside our differences and really come together as a community and really show the spirit of what collegiate is for.

Sailesh - How do you feel about the security updates that we got afterwards? Like the more officers, people with guns walking around the building?

Ethan - I'd say it's a really good improvement, honestly. I mean, I know some people may be off put by it or like maybe even a little bit like confused about why it's happening. But I think

it's like a really good, like comforting stress relief. Yeah, the school is putting measures that this will not happen again and this everybody is safe and enjoying life.

John - I agree that it did create a safe environment for us to think in and not having to worry about if this event could possibly happen again. I didn't feel personally that it was a little bit off putting, just seeing more security measures like being put in every single day or every single week. Just it was a constant reminder of the four that happened on October 24th. But I do understand what others would think that that it was a good idea because we did not want to have a repeat of this event, of this traffic event. And so I feel like I'm a bit of a mixed opinion. I feel like it was both good that we got more safety, but also it was a bit of a sad reminder of the past.

Sailesh - So, the schools say they brought CS&V&CVPA closer together. Do you believe that to be true and to what extent? If so, why?

Ethan - I would say I think there's a little bit more connection not too fairly much. I still feel like we're technically two separate schools because in reality we are really two separate schools in the same building. But if you're like we are a little bit more connected to each other, like as a whole building, I think that there could be more things we could do together. Because every time it feels like every time you walk in the hallway you see somebody who went to school. It's like that feeling when you were like in middle school or something and you see a kid on the bus and like, whoa, hey, it's a new person, you know? I feel like there could be more connections that could be made but besides that, I think we are at least a little bit better.

John - Yeah, I feel like. I feel like before this year happened, we just kind of acknowledge that that we each existed. We did kind of ridicule each other. Like, oh, it's it's a collegiate student, they're all nerds and so that and oh, it's a CVPA student, so that. But I feel like after the event, we truly set aside our differences. There might still be some things here and there, but I feel like we've come to acknowledge that we shared a very traumatic experience and that it's time to move on in a more unified together position.

Ethan - I will say that there is like a much better connection. Like before this incident there was like almost no connection really. I mean, we can go to the auditorium or use the field, but that was about it. That was all the connection we had. Like John was saying, I think that this experience really helped to, like, better connect us to us.

Sailesh - That was it for today. Thank you.

Ethan - It's been a real pleasure meeting you and thank you again.

John - It's been a pleasure meeting you too.

Finn - Welcome back to Table Talk with Sai, with new guests Brian and Dominic.

Sailesh - So today we'll be talking about the aftermath of the incidents. The first person I was asked was what did the school do that helped you get better emotionally?

Dominic - I feel like I wasn't familiar. Emotionally, like damaged as some other people would be because like I knew, like security guards, they were on it before the guy even got in the building. They reacted fast. We're all in black down like pretty early. So I wasn't like as emotionally like damaged because I felt like I was still being detected in the security.

Bryan - Well, I feel like I have a lot after. You can sit as well and then just provide as much support as they can. Like the therapist and the therapy dogs and. And dirty dogs too.

Sailesh - Yeah, like the therapy dogs were like very helpful.

Bryan - Yeah. And they definitely were a lot from What's Up?

Sailesh - What did you and the people around you do that made you feel better, took your mind off things? I was like.

Dominic - On like the day like after the incidents, I ended up like after going home, like they picked me up like one of my favorite foods to eat. And like we talked like while we were eating and afterwards we basically try like how it's a normal day after that. Because like to me that got my mind off of the situation faster than if we would like kept talking about it. So it's like that helped me with the day.

Bryan - I feel like that's a lot of the same thing that happened to me after. It's definitely at once we got out of school, I got a lot more help from the people outside the school, and they basically did what happened with you and they just like took care of me for a moment and then treated like it was a normal day and that it's fine, but it did help.

Sailesh - How do you guys feel about the increased security and the changes to our schools?

Dominic - To me, I'm happy with like the increased security, 'cause like I felt even like before the incident when we're like going in the building, like to the metal detectors. I felt like they weren't like looking through our bags like enough, Like they would just open it lands in and then just like slide it to go to the next person but now, like when you go in, they actually open your bag like move your stuff around, actually look in your possessions.

Bryan - That definitely, yeah, it's been a big change, this security noise as well. I mean, yeah, he cuts that. What I have, that's not,

Dominic - I like to add something as well. Like after the incident, the security guards are also now armed which makes me feel like more secure knowing that like the security guards last time they did an amazing job but now this time like if they did in the school sooner like before, like the police even are aware and the security guards can still like help defend us and like stop the attacker.

Sailesh - Do you think you guys got closer to your peers because of what happened?

Bryan - OK. I feel like definitely there. I feel like it's definitely someplace that we do more

closer. I mean I feel like it's, it feels, it feels so much normal now at this point that it's like it's what it is to me.

Dominic - I feel like I did get a little closer because like with some of my friends, like we bonded, but now it's like we went another like stronger bond because we all went through this together, so it's something we all could like relate to.

Sailesh - So the school says that CVP and CSMB got closer together. Do you believe that could be true? And if so, am I or why not?

Dominic - I almost disagree with that. I feel like we've got a little bit further away because after the incident, like the security measures between the two schools again increase and out to like go to the gym or the cafeteria like the big doors. They're always a closed door, so you have to wait till they're opened to go over there. So I feel like we've gotten further away from them.

Bryan - I also feel like that I don't see them as often as we used to before. Like I feel like in the beginning we've definitely seen a lot more like just when we run the hallways and we just snapshot. I don't see that as pops and as we do that, so since wake me up.

Sailesh - It was a pleasure meeting you. It was a pleasure meeting you all for the first time.

Sailesh – Throughout the interview we learned that the activities that CSMB did were helpful and that CSMB and CVPA are now both closer together in some ways and further apart in others. That is the end of this interview, thank you for joining me here today.