

1. Intro

-introduce myself

-have Zenga, Cozette, and Cathy introduce themselves

-“Today we want to share our stories from October 24th, from waking up that morning until now and how it’s affected us since.”

2. How was your morning before school? Do you remember anything specific?

3. How did you find out there was a shooter or when? Who were you with?

4. What was it like leaving the building? Where did you go? What did you see?

5. How do you feel now? (6 months later) How has it affected your school life/ home life?

6. “Thank you guys so much for coming on and talking with me today, outro

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Hafsa- Hi I'm your host Hafsa and im here today with

Zenga- Zenga

Cozette- Cozette

Cathy- and Cathy.

Hafsa- Today we want to share our stories from October 24th from waking up that morning until now and how it's affected us since.

Question 1:

Hafsa- How was the morning before and do you remember anything specific?

Zenga- Um, I feel like for a lot of people that morning is very vivid and for me the memories either feel completely separate like they did not happen on the same day or I just don't remember anything about the morning, so I don't have a lot of memories from the morning before the shooting.

Cozette- I had: they feel like completely separate days for me like i remember getting there I was so happy. I had just that weekend gotten second place in my race and I was ready to brag to everybody

Zenga- I cut my hair literally the night before literally 9pm October 23rd and I was so excited to show off my hair, but no one noticed which is so insulting.

Cathy- For me, after the shooting my memories are kind of fogg, like I know what happened but I don't remember specific things. But the morning was super clear for me. I woke up at like 5am because we had an ap bio exam that morning, so i woke up early to study. I remember I was super nauseous as soon as my alarm went off...exactly at 7 am and I remember just being like “no, I have this ap bio test like i have to go to school i'm going to school” So I made myself get dressed and ready. I was on my way to school and my mom was like “Cathy, you don't look very good”

Hafsa- I remember the morning very vividly because I felt awful the minute I woke up. I felt really bad but I don't want to miss school, I hate missing school. My mom was trying to talk to me but I felt sick so I was being really mean and ignoring her

Cathy- I didn't say bye to my siblings because I was in a rush

Hafsa- I was ignoring her when she was talking to me, I was just being like-

Zenga- Something, my mom and I had been fighting a lot right before this. We had just gotten into a really big fight the night before.

Question 2:

Hafsa- Who were you with like what was it like in the classroom?

Cathy- Oh!! Yeah, mine was a lot different than yours.

Zenga- I want to add here the moment I realized something was really bad was when Klosterman barricaded the door.

Cozette- Yeah!!

Zenga- Klosterman was so calm about it he was just like "ok, everyone go to the back of the classroom" He was like so calm and it was the best thing ever.

Cozette- I remember during that time because it was really weird because Fatima went out to go to the bathroom and she was told to come back in and he was just like lets just barracai the door, just in case. And I was like what/ He was so calm I did not know there was a problem.

Zenga- I feel like that was me too, I was so slow to process but that was good, he was just trying to keep us calm i guess but it was like ohhh this is weird

Hafsa- I was in the perch, with three other students. I was sleeping at my desk, I was trying to go to sleep but I couldn't. And then the security guard yelled at all of us to pack up our stuff and go into the classroom. I remember looking at Jamie and we were so confused. And then we went into the second art room and the same security guard and they told us to close the blinds, lock the doors then they left. So it was 15 students, alone in this room with half the walls being windows, like fully you could see through. So it was terrifying. And none of us knew what was going on until the wymon announcement. We just hid under the desks. We didn't even barracais the door, well we couldn't because they opened out. We were all just looking at each other.....

Cathy-I didn't feel good but like you know we were like we did our running and we did everything and we're like playing our game and I get like my watch starts buzzing because it's like connected to my phone notifications and I see there's a text from stlcc and i was like oh, In the bathroom I'll just like grab my water bottle in my phone and like go out to the hallway and like you know check the text to go to the bathroom and chest as I was about to like reach it for my phone to like see whatA security guard running down the hall screaming go on lockdown and we were what we were just like so ugly confused everyone stop what they were doing and just looked at each other before we registered what he was saying and then like thankfully Kristoff was like super quick to react and immediately closed the doors and looked it. She went around and checked all the doors, thank god. And she was doing that we all like either drop the paddles and ran into the girls locker room or held on to the paddles and it was a collective drop for those who dropped it too so it was just like leave loud like thud as kids just like running down into the locker room like hallway and stuff and so obviously we all knew what to do and ran into the locker room. standing along the walls of the shower in there and like this is prior to an announcement going off or anything and like we were like oh are we the only people in the whole school that knows what's happening right now and that's when the fire alarm went off freaked out. Immediately we were like trying to leave and thankfully Kristoff said don't leave. The spot we are in the safest possible spot in the whole school at the moment so you're going to stay here and we're all going to relax I think she like moved one of the lockers to barricade the door too because like we heard shifting but like we didn't see what she was doing because she was like no one is allowed to leave the threshold of the shower. The freshman's being like oh something is actually happening. It hadn't really set in that like something bad was occurring even though like so many things should have indicated that something bad is occurring like you know maybe a security guard sprinting down the hallway and telling us to go unlock down or the

fact that all gym doors are unlocked but like I feel like it didn't really register for me until the announcements. Blah blah blah but like no one was really freaking out like the kids were crying but it wasn't really like it was more nervous and not like something horrible is happening and I'm not like completely freaking out it was just like this is stressful i need to cry. Nothing really set in until we started hearing shots. And that's when it got real real.

Question 3:

Hafsa- I want to talk about maybe leaving like I remember specifically whenever they told us to leave there was someone trying to open the door but we couldn't see cuz the blind was closed on the window and we were all looking at each other we didn't know what to do because then the announcement came on that was like open your door they are police. Jamie opened the door, when she did we all rushed out of the room climbing over chairs and tables and when we got out to the hall, the hall was lined with police officers on both sides pointing their guns at us and screaming to put our hands up and run out the door up the stairs. It was terrifying.

Cozette- my leaving was not very significant, it was more when I got to the parking lot. But when we were walking there I was with Selena because she was walking slowly and there was police and everyone yelling at us and watching us. I was so scared, like is there still someone in the building? I got scared then, but then when I got to the parking lot it took a long time but then my parents came and I had my phone or something like that but I remember my dad coming and he looks so distraught. And he came up to me and was talking to me. I was like you came here? because he has work and stuff I didn't expect him to come and he was like yeah of course I came like duh

All- yeah duh hahaha

Cozette- and he was like they wouldn't let us in like I had to park in the park and run over here

Zenga- Yeah, my dad did the same

Cozette- whenever we were going back he was like "i'm just so happy you're ok, wherever I was pulling up to come in there was ambulance leaving"

Cathy- We were in the basement and that's where Alex and the teacher were. We were probably one of the first classes that got ushered out of the building because when we were at the parking lot we only saw cvpa kids there were no csmb students or teachers and so I just remember I freaked out like where are all my friends are they ok? I dont have my phone and I can't contact anyone right now. And my dad was out of town, he left the night before. My mom is at work 45 minutes away, I was freaking out. I count tell anyone i was ok so I was worried they were trying to contact me and I wasn't responding

Zenga- What if they think I'm dead.

Cathy- yeah, so I was just freaking out. Leaving the locker room was probably the worst thing in the absolute world. Because police officers like walked on the door and was like this is the police like open the doors like where she is fine then we got wild out one by one day you know we were like okay I was a the back , but as soon as the first kid saw the hallway I heard screaming and they started sprinting. Alex was laying on the ground and everyone could see her when they were leaving....

Conclusion:

Hafsa- How do you guys think that the shooting has affected your daily lives in school and out of school?

Zenga- I think for me personally it's I definitely find myself being like very much hypervigilant and it like it takes a lot of energy for me to be like calm within a group of people Think whatever and I'm fine like I can leave the house or whatever but like often it's like maybe maybe not today

Cathy- when I have emotions I like correlate with the 24th that's what I'm like if you want me oh I don't want to go to school and it also act like I also got really jumping it loud sounds like I was never really jumpy Feel like walked in the complete pitch darkness and now you would like little things where it's like oh now I'm almost scared of going down my basement or someone like close the door too hard and I jump like three feet and I never did that before

Hafsa- or even sometimes I'm just like crouching down with my knees up to my chest and I'm like oh my God I was sitting like this I

Cozette- don't know it's not constantly on my mind but whenever there are more looks like that and it's really weird because it's especially in the downstairs area of school like there were a couple of times that I went to the bathroom alone and I walked down there and I just don't need you to like I feel like something bad oh shoot no one's down here I'm going to die and and it's weird because I wasn't even down there whenever it happened like I don't have connected with it

Zenga- one time I was sitting like alone in the hallway upstairs and I was immediately like what do I do what happened to someone like that side door like yeah because I don't like weird I hide where would I go yeah I am very conscious of like where my phone is like yeah I like always have my phone was like I never cared before.

Hafsa- Well thank you guys so much for joining me

Cathy- of course

All- Peace out