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Holocaust Survivor Speaks at Riverview

On January 30, 2017, Riverview Jr/Sr High School students benefited from a very unique opportunity when Holocaust survivor, Sam Gottesman, and daughter of a Holocaust survivor, Chana Brody, visited the school to speak to French students about their experiences. Even though these stories were heart-wrenching, hearing first-hand the element of human experience of the Holocaust from an actual survivor was a rare occurrence for the students of Riverview. This was a fantastic culmination as the French Club viewed an educational, authentic French film about the Holocaust entitled La Rafle, which translates to The Round Up, with a question and answer session with experts of the Holocaust from The Pittsburgh Jewish Film Forum. Many students commented how they have never seen the Holocaust with this exclusive perspective. Ms. Brody ended the presentation with a reminder about the dangers of bullying and how that ties in with the Holocaust tragedies. She went on to discuss how bullies target certain victims and simply standing by and watching is just as bad. She encouraged students to stick up for each other and to stand up to bullies. A special thank you to teacher Lee Hedderman for making this opportunity available for our students.

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