

In light of the recent shooting tragedy at Virginia Tech in which 33 students were killed, school violence has made its way to the forefront of educational discussions. I believe that schools are safer than they used to be first because of increased security, also because the schools all have plans as to what to do in the case of another shooting. Lastly, because most kids fear death.

First of all, I think schools are safer because of increased security. Most schools have gotten metal detectors to screen students and staff before they enter the building. Also schools have hired more security for the campus, and real sheriffs are showing up for the job, not just rent-a-cops. They also started searching students and staff at even the slightest whisper of drugs or violence.

Another reason I believe this is because most schools now have plans as to what to do in case of another emergency. Schools have always had fire drills, tornado drills and earthquake drills. But now they have lock down drills in which the teachers lock doors, close blinds on windows, turn off the lights and keep all students quiet at all times during the lock down.

Lastly, I believe schools are safer today than they were in the past because most students, staff, and pretty much everyone in the world fears death. They fear not knowing what lies beyond life and this physical earth. They all have a small doubt in their minds about their gods, prophets, angels, mystical beings, and heroes. They fear the thought of hell and endless torture for all eternity. If you can simply embrace your life and forget fear and hate the world would be a better place for some people.

All in all, I believe that schools are safer places now than they were in the past because we have more security, better plans, but most of all the fear of not knowing what is real and what the person next to you is thinking. So open your eyes, and don't forget that someone out there hates you.