

Student Activists Give Presentation at Holy Family Catholic Church



Grace and Clara Taub are rising seniors at East High School and during their time at East have experienced more gun violence at their school than most young people. Clara (on the left) has paid attention to issues of gun violence since she was in the fifth grade. The shooting at Parkland High School accelerated her interest. Both Grace and Clara founded a chapter of Students Demand Action when they began attending East High School.

In September of Clara and Grace's sophomore year a student, RJ Harding was shot while he was leaving the Carla Madison Rec Center across from campus. Then in February, 16 year old Luis Garcia was shot and killed right outside of East High School. In the spring of 2023 two deans, Wayne Mason and Eric Sinclair, were shot while searching a student for weapons.

These events increased the club's membership drastically from a group of around 15 students, to over 100. Grace and Clara have led postcard writing campaigns for advocacy and to encourage voter registration. For the last three years their senior class has had an 85% voter registration rate. The young women have testified before state legislators about gun violence bills and are hoping to travel to Washington to do the same.

Clara and Grace, along with their family are members of Holy Family Catholic Church. They can be reached at eaststudentsdemand@gmail.com. You can follow them on Instagram @eaststudentsdemandaction