

## The Worst Spring Break Ever By: Sunshine S.

I couldn't wait for Spring Break to finally come. My grandma had just arrived from Michigan and we were already making plans. We thought she was going to just stay for a few weeks, soon we realized weeks would turn into months, and not in the way we were hoping for.

My mom had left early in the morning to go to her doctor's appointment. She was there for hours so we were getting worried. Just as we were about to call and check in with her, we received a call from the Intensive Care Unit at St. David's Hospital. The nurse that called had informed us that my mom had gotten into a car accident. They said she drove into a guard rail and that the EMS truck picked her up and took her to the Emergency Room.

My grandma and I were in total shock. We told my brother but sometimes I feel like he isn't taking it all in. Right at that moment I knew my Spring break wasn't going to be good.

With only having one car and my dad going back and forth to the hospital and working two jobs, we were stuck at home. My dad updated us on how my mom was doing. He said she broke two vertebraes in the middle of her back and fractured two toward the lower portion of her back. The doctor said she would need immediate surgery and up to 6 months of physical therapy.

It was finally surgery day. We all went to the hospital to tell my mom we loved her that we are praying for her. She was very emotional which really affected my grandma. I had nothing to say to her because I was still in shock. Was this really happening to me? To my family? To my mom?

We waited for the surgery to end. It took six hours. We went to go see how she was doing. We were there for thirteen hours straight. All I could think about is how we're going to manage with only having one car? The doctor told us she'll have to be in the hospital for at least a month and wear a back brace for four months. I'm just so grateful my grandma is here, I don't know what we would do if she wasn't. This was by far the worst Spring Break ever.