



Grace VanBoven, SLHS Senior

The loss of a parent is a loss like no other for a child. At the young age of 9, Grace lost her mom to breast cancer. During her mom's fight, Grace's goal was to not be a burden on anyone else and to pretend that everything was okay. "The priority needed to be mom getting better, not me struggling with the idea of losing her" wrote Grace. She continues to struggle with knowing that she is enough for herself and her mom. In her words, "Mature might be the best fitting word I chose, and as much as I want to give myself this credit for this trait, its all thanks to my mom. When she got sick, I immediately switched from being a kid to being mature."

Grace has been a member of LINK crew and the student council, while achieving scholastic excellence. She works at Dick's Sporting Goods, and she will be paying for her own education. Grace's future goals include earning a degree in biology and business and continuing her post-graduate education by attending medical school. She will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall. Good luck, Grace!

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