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HELLO AND WELCOME

High school is a very important time in the life of a young person. When it comes time to graduate from high school we consider it the first major milestone of your life and we will make it a very big deal. If you have this same way of thinking, then the experience we have to offer will be perfect for you. During your senior year of high school, you will want to have a way to remember all of the accomplishments you have had and show the world what you have become. The best way to do this is through a senior photo shoot. If you are considering a senior photo shoot you will find that the best time will be during summer and fall when temperatures are mild enough and colors are brilliant. Times fill up quickly, so you should contact us now and even consider purchasing your session well in advance. Clients who have purchased a package will be given first choice of times available.



COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

We are not the only photographers doing high school seniors, but we are dedicated to making this experience the best and most comfortable experience it can be. What this means for you is that you will learn that we are committed to making this experience fun and relaxing, which will make for some beautiful senior pictures. If you are comfortable, it will show.

You will find that our photographer is professional, personable and creative enough to find all sides of your personality. Our job is to take your portraits and turn them into images that you will adore and will never forget. We look forward to meeting you soon!



WHAT TO **EXPECT**



Before anything can happen, you will need to select a package that best fits your needs and pre-purchase it to lock in your session date and time. We cannot secure your date and time without a pre-paid package. You can call us regarding the date and times available, and once that is settled on you can securely pay your session fee online. After you have purchased the package, you will need to fill out and submit the online senior questionnaire on our website and have a parent or guardian complete and submit the agreement. Once you have completed these steps, we can then decide on the location. We can do anything from a nature setting to a city shoot. This is a decision that is totally up to you and your preference.

At this time, it is a great idea to start thinking about what you want to wear. If you are stumped you can refer to our website where you will find ideas for outfits, poses, hair, and makeup. These are all ideas that have been done during previous shoots. I recommend that you bring at least three outfits even if you don't intend to change. You should wear what you feel most comfortable in but a few of my favorite ideas are layers, dresses that flow and chunky jewelry. If you have any questions about your clothing choices, feel free to give us a call to be sure that everything will look perfect during your photo shoot.

Another thing that I recommend is that you get your hair and make up professionally done. Some might not think that it will make a difference but believe me when I say that it makes a huge difference! Another special treat you could give to yourself is a manicure and a pedicure. It is true when it is said that a camera will see everything. The appearance of your nails is completely up to you. Skin and any other minor imperfections that pop up at the last minute can be retouched but unfortunately nails are not part of this deal. And besides who does not need an excuse to get pampered!

Your senior portrait session should be all about you! We will go over all of the details and discuss what you want out of this experience before your actual session. You should not be shy or afraid to tell me about any ideas or suggestions you may have as well as anything that you may not like. I want to hear it all.



DURING YOUR SHOOT

It is important that during your shoot you relax and have fun. It is my job to make you feel comfortable. I will do this by giving you different ideas and different instructions during the session. It has been my experience that some of the best photos are ones that are candid. This is because when I capture a candid shot it is when you are most relaxed.



JUST RELAX AND HAVE FUN



A typical senior portrait session will take anywhere from one to three hours. Our packages are designed to include as many outfit changes as we can fit into this time period selected. It is normal for you to be nervous when we first begin but this will usually go away after a few minutes. Depending on the location of your photo shoot you may or may not have the facilities to change your clothes in. For this reason, you should plan on changing your clothes in your car or a good idea is to wear clothing underneath such as biking shorts and tank tops so that you will not be getting changed in public. Your mode of transportation to the session and between the different locations is to be provided by you. If you would like, your parents or a friend are encouraged to come with you, and are more than welcome to join us but be prepared, I may include them in a few of the photos.





AFTER YOUR SHOOT

About two weeks (maybe sooner) after your session, your photos should be ready to view. You will receive an email with a link to your online gallery of images. Make your selections by saving them as favorites in your gallery. There are many options, depending on the length of your session, so it should not be too difficult to find the ones that will best suit your needs. There are also products available so you will have a wide selection to choose from. If you have any specific requests such as retouching any of your images, please feel free to contact us with any of your questions. We are here to help you in any way we can.

Once you have viewed all of your photos and saved all of your favorites in the gallery, the next step is to decide on your print order, and which, if any, the images that you might want touched up in the final print order. I will then apply any necessary edits on the images. It is my policy to retouch only those images that you request. Basic editing is included with your session, and are ready for printing. What this means to you is that all of the images have been retouched, prepped and made perfect for the world to see when you see them.

Once your order has been placed, you will receive your prints in a resonable amount of time. We don't like to make our clients wait months for their prints. We take pride in our work and are eager to share it with you.

WE MAKE



THE WHOLE PROCESS
FUN AND EASY!

WHAT TO WEAR



STYLE ADVICE



B E C O M F O R T A B L E , F E E L G O O D !

A popular question by seniors is what clothing and accessories should be brought. There is not a right or a wrong answer to this question. In my opinion you should bring whatever you are most comfortable in. This includes all different types from casual to formal wear. We offer a detailed brochure on ideas of what to wear on our website.

It is important that you remember to bring shoes, jewelry and accessories for the outfit that you bring. It does not matter what season we are in when your session is done. It is my recommendation to have an outfit for the seasons.

These will go with several different choices of backgrounds. It is always a good idea to bring some options that include long sleeves. This will help to keep the focus of the portraits on your face and not the rest of you.

The clothing choices you make should be ones that you are comfortable in but also flatter your body type. Be sure to pack everything and do not forget anything that you cannot live without. Examples of some things that should be included are your favorite t-shirt, hoodie, jeans or even a hat or a pair of sunglasses.

To prepare yourself for your senior session, you should get a haircut about a week before your shoot, polish your nails, and be sure that you avoid any suntan lines. These can be unsightly in pictures and are not included in the standard retouching.





Props Are A Good Idea

Your senior pictures should be all about you and what you are about. This is where props come into play. Be sure to bring a few things to your session that will help to define you. A few examples are your pet, your car or motorcycle, any sports uniforms, trophies, instruments, or even your best friend or siblings. These props will help for us to capture what you are all about but in a way that is very special. The best news is that you will never pay an extra charge for this option.

What To Do With Your Hair

It is never a good idea to change your hair style in a dramatic way before your portrait session. As mentioned before it is recommended for you to get a haircut about a week before your scheduled session.

If you are a person that colors your hair do not forget to do so. No one wants to have their roots showing in their pictures. Even highlights should be completed about two weeks prior to your session to keep them from standing out in the images.

If you would like to change your hairstyle during your session that is fine and a great idea but you should make the changes easy and be sure that they do not take a lot of time. If they take too much time you will end up losing time in front of the camera.

Tanning

In today's world tanning has become very popular. However, it is important that you do not over do the tanning bed or time in the sun. We recommend that you stay away from the sun and/or a tanning bed three days before the session. Spray tanning is not recommended as it will appear un-naturally in your images.

F.A.Q

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Do I have to use the school's yearbook company?

The company that the school hires is only there to take the picture that is going to go in the school's yearbook. For your casual senior pictures, you can hire any photographer you wish.

Why should I hire you to take my pictures?

We will give you the individual attention that you deserve. You have come to a major milestone in your life and you should have the best images available to you.



A young man with dark hair, wearing a dark football jersey with 'LONG BEACH STATE' visible, is sitting on a grassy field. He is holding a football in his hands and looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred view of a stadium with bleachers.

Are you more expensive than most photographers?

Be sure to compare pricing and options. There are a lot of people who take pictures but are not “photographers”. There is a difference. Don’t be fooled by the prices. There is so much more that we can offer than the friend who has a camera. This is an important time in your life, and it should be handled by someone that has experience.

The price you pay depends on which package you choose.

Is your work guaranteed?

Of course it is. We want all of our clients to be 100% satisfied. This should be a fantastic experience during your senior year, and we want you to be happy with your session in every way.

How many poses will I have?

There is not a set number of poses during your session. Your session will be customized to fit within the package you choose. We will capture as many images as time allows.

What happens if I have an unexpected blemish?

Blemishes happen so you should not be worried about that. No one has perfect skin and we are prepared for that. Although make up helps to cover up most blemishes, we have you covered! It is best not to try and cover up blemishes with extra makeup. That makes it worse..

How do I reserve my session?

Once you have decided to select us as your photographer you should contact us to discuss your session and possible locations. We have all packages and payment options available to purchase on our website. We also offer payment plans for packages if needed.

Please contact us with any of your questions. We are happy to help!



THE STUDIO MINI

\$79

WITH PURCHASE
OF ANY PACKAGE



Mini studio sessions are designed for an add-on to any of our senior class packages. Shot with a variety of different backdrop options & studio lighting. We welcome and encourage your creativity during your studio session and your personal props are more than welcome in our studio.

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