

## Class of 2017 ...Tips for Senior Portrait Days ...

Senior Portrait Day is a reminder that twelve years of academic work and the high school experience is coming to a close. Often in the rush "just to get finished" with a task, we do not give the moment its proper due. Good portraits of any kind require the photographer and the subject to work together to achieve the desired look. With all the advancements in digital photography today along with the touch-up software available, the ability to create a good portrait is now greatly enhanced. Technology alone, however, can never replace the human subject and thus, it is important to be prepared for your senior portrait day to ensure good results.

**Come prepared with a good attitude and ENJOY the process.** Do not let minor stresses and concerns spoil the day. A relaxed, happy demeanor comes through in a photo and embracing and enjoying the process will aid in helping you look your best. The photo stations will have a tablet so you can view the portraits as taken if desired. This will help you get your best look the first session.

### *Portrait Purchase*

Purchase of portraits is optional. Proofs will be emailed to you for viewing, and order forms will be available online and at the school office.

### *Clothing*

**Ladies make sure you bring a tank or tube top / strapless bra to wear under the formal drape. Guys need to bring or wear a white undershirt to wear under the white dress shirt for both formal and cap and gown photos.** Ladies bring your own makeup and hair care items as you may not always be able to borrow from a friend. Additionally, make sure you abide by any clothing advice and policy that your school requires.

### *Sleep/ Haircuts*

Make sure you get at least two (2) nights of good sleep before your photo session so that you will look fresh and won't have bags under your eyes. Beauty sleep is real. Boys should plan in advance to get a haircut if needed 3-4 days before. Not doing this is the most common reason for retakes.

### *Makeup*

Make sure that your face make-up is blended into your neck so that when you look in the mirror your neck is not too white. Also check to see if you have tan lines that will show. Bring Chap Stick, or lip gloss to keep your lips moist, if needed.

## *Smile*

It takes fewer muscles to smile. If you don't like your smile, get in front of a mirror and practice it. Once you like a smile, close your eyes and smile, then open your eyes to see if it looks the way you want. Get used to how it feels to smile the way you think you look best.

## *Touch-up*

Sometimes no matter how hard one tries you wake up with a blemish on photo day. All portraits will receive minor touch up as appropriate. You may request additional touch ups such as the removal of braces, etc. Several ladies will be on hand to assist you with dressing and hair, bow tie and other clothing adjustments as needed to ensure your best look.

## *Questions*

Contact the school office 985-542-7662, or Bonideé Photography 1-800-276-3371, or Gary Lee direct line 985-351-4282.