**Preparation for Your Senior Portrait Session:**

An amazing senior portrait is a collaborative effort between you and me, the photographer. You can help get the portrait you desire by following a few basic tips:

Clothes

* Wear clothes that make you feel **comfortable and reflect your personality.**
* Bring multiple and a variety of outfits. - both causal and formal
* Coordinate your outfit from head to toe.
* Keep the tonal range of clothing in the same group; don't mix lights & darks in the same outfit.
* Select 2-3 complementing solid colors in tones such as greens, blues, purples, burgundies, khakis, black, navy and denim.
* Avoid large prints, stripes, busy patterns and bright colors - these overwhelm and create distractions in your portrait.
* Bring appropriate shoes, socks and a belt for each outfit.
* Be sure the clothes you select fit properly, especially shirt collars.
* Medium to dark clothes look the best on dark backgrounds.
* Medium to light colors look the best on lighter colored backgrounds.
* Earth tones are best for outdoor portraits, it is ok to wear a pop of color.
* Bring all clothes on hangers to ensure clothes are not wrinkled.

Hair

* Wear your hair in your normal style.
* Do not change your hairstyle in the days before your portrait session.
* If you want to get a haircut, schedule it one week before your portrait session.
* A fresh shave is important for men. Neatly trim beard or mustache.
* Bring your hair care/styling products for touch-ups.

Skin

* Minor blemishes and scars will be removed by retouching.
* Avoid sunburn and tan lines.
* Girls keep make-up simple; it is best to wear a style that you normally wear.
* Avoid makeup with sparkles and SPF (can cause shiny skin). Please free to bring your makeup to the session for touch-ups.
* Guys and gals be sure fingernails and toenails are freshly manicured. They will show in the portraits.

Jewelry

* Keep jewelry simple and to a minimum.
* Bring appropriate jewelry for each outfit.

Props

Props are recommended. Bring props that are a part of your life and personality.

For example:

* Musical Instrument
* Leather Jacket
* Letter Jacket
* Sports Uniform/Jersey
* Hats
* Sports Equipment (lacrosse stick, bat, football, etc.)
* Stuffed Animals
* Sunglasses
* Hobby Items
* Cars/Motorcycles
* Pets (Pets are welcome, but please let me know advance. Bring a leash and toys/treats to keep their attention.)