



May 2020

**TO:** Parents of the Members of the Class of 2021

**FROM:** Mr. Rich Mertens, Principal

**RE:** Senior Pictures

The following information appears in anticipation of the questions that usually arise about "Senior Pictures": Students who will be seniors during the 2020-2021 school year and who want portraits in the senior section of the 2020-2021 BELLEVINOIS, the Belleville West yearbook, should have their pictures taken **DURING THE SUMMER and BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15** at one of the local studios listed below. Photos **will not be accepted** unless they are from one of the approved photographers listed below.

Amy Gould Photography: 319-333-2933  
Dawn Corwin Creative Photography: 855-785-3227  
Howell Photography: 618-954-9250  
Elements of You: 618-698-2897  
Green Wall Studio: 618-558-6120  
Growing Frames Photography: 618-409-4026  
Humphrey Photography: 618-327-8500  
J-Lynn Photography: 618-541-0493  
JoMonique Photography: 618-593-1148  
Julia Sternau Photography: 618-713-9990  
Larissa Photography: 618-355-9164  
Luttrell Photography: 618-277-3686  
Mackenzie Maitland Photography: 618-616-3008  
Mark Parrone' Photography: 808-258-0207  
Memory Making Studios: 618-401-2266  
Michelle Swierczek Photography: 618-550-3621  
Penney Lane Photography: 314-807-1904  
Photo JAB Photography: 618-691-3158  
R Images Professional Photography: 618-946-4943  
Salvatore Cincotta Photography: 618-206-8619  
TJC Photography: 314-614-6355  
Two Hardts Photography: 618-55

Problems have arisen in the past because a few students have had pictures taken by private individuals or by photographers not under contract to provide senior portraits to the school. You MUST take your senior photograph at one of the above studios or we will NOT accept the photograph. There are no exceptions. Since last year was so successful, we are going to continue the \$20 Senior Photo Day at West. I will have one of our approved photographers on campus for ONE DAY to take ONE senior photo for students that sign up. This photo will be placed in the yearbook for a flat fee of \$20. You will also receive print rights to the photo. Students will be required to sign up for this day at the beginning of the school year in August, and the photo will be taken in early September to meet the deadline. More information will be provided in August!

In addition to the studio's sitting fee and the cost of any photographs the senior chooses to order, these studios will charge an additional \$19.00 yearbook fee. This will cover the cost of providing a color photo to the BELLEVINOIS for publication. However, if a student wants only a "Yearbook Only Package" which includes a single color photo for the yearbook, with no additional orders, studios will charge a maximum of \$45.00. Be aware that photograph prices will vary, depending on the studio and choice of portraits. Call early to confirm pricing and guarantee an appointment.

The minimum standard for appropriate dress is good casuals. Do not submit a picture of you that includes any of the following: your pet; you in a sports uniform; any kind of hat; holding any items such as a guitar or baseball bat; a headshot; clothing that promotes drug or alcohol products. All photographs must be in color and must follow school rules: no hats, no bellies, no spaghetti straps or strapless attire, no questionable see-through clothing, no cleavage or excessive skin showing. **BELLEVINOIS** and the school reserve the right not to print objectionable senior photos.

All seniors must have their senior portrait taken before September 15. This allows photographers time to edit and meet their submission date. Questions regarding senior pictures may be directed to the Principal's Office throughout the summer or through email to [lemmons@bths201.org](mailto:lemmons@bths201.org). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Bellevinois – SENIOR PHOTOS – Frequently Asked Questions**

**Question: Do I have to use an "Approved Photographer"?**

**Answer: Yes.** The approved photographers on our list have agreed to provide photos with the specifications needed for our yearbook. The yearbook staff is also in constant communication with approved photographers, which makes troubleshooting problems easier.

**Question: Do I have to turn in the photo to the school?**

**Answer: No.** All approved photographers know the deadline submissions. They will digitally submit your photo by the deadline.

**Question: Do I have to have my photo taken by September 15:**

**Answer: Yes.** Each photographer needs time after taking the original photo to work, to show you the proofs of the photos and show you where you can select which photo you would like in the yearbook. If you do not have your photo taken before September 15<sup>th</sup>, the photographer has the right to refuse to take the photo if he/she feels they cannot get the photo to us by October 15<sup>th</sup>, which is their yearbook deadline.

**Question: Do I have to wear dress code?**

**Answer: No.** BUT all attire must be appropriate and follow the rules as stated above.