

# BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 201

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**TO:** Parents of Members of the Class of 2024  
**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 2023-2024 school year and who want portraits in the senior section of the 2023-2024 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. (Lifetouch photos are not used for seniors.)

**Amy Gould Photography:** 319-333-2933

**Elements of You:** 618-698-2897

**High Street Studio:** 618-355-9164

**Hodge Podge Flower and Photo Co:** 618-409-4026

**Humphrey Photography:** 618-327-8500

**Ivy Bell & Company, Nancy Quernheim:** 618-317-4351

**J-Lynn Photography:** 618-541-0493

**JoMonique Photography:** 618-593-1148

**Luttrell Photography:** 618-277-3686

**Memory Making Studios:** 618-401-2266

**Michelle Swierczek Photography:** 618-550-3621

**Penney Lane Photography:** 314-807-1904

**Salvatore Cincotta Photography:** 800-851-0520

**Sugarfoot Photography:** (314) 474-8368

**Sunniday Images:** 618-791-1129

**Two Hardts Photography:** 618-558-3881

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.** We are going to continue the \$20 Senior Photo Day at West in September. 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. More info to come soon!

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 strapless attire, no questionable see-through clothing. 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 [molson@bths201.org](mailto:molson@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 their magic. Also, photographers will show you the proofs of the photos, where you can select which photo you would like in the yearbook. This gives the photographers the time necessary to submit the photos to the yearbook staff.

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

**ANSWER: No.** BUT all attire must be appropriate and follow the rules as stated above. Please read the original letter for restrictions. The yearbook staff has the right to reject any photo for any reason. If you have questions about those restrictions, please contact us.

If you have any further questions during the summer, please contact the Principal's Office through email at [molson@bths201.org](mailto:molson@bths201.org) or phone.