

I am looking forward to seeing you during our upcoming photo session. Thank you for choosing me to be a part of this special time.

Payment

In order to confirm your appointment a deposit of \$200 is required that will be applied toward your package. This is due at time of booking. Once your portrait order is placed another payment of ½ the order will be made and the balance will be made when you pick up your portraits. Payment can be made by cash, charge or check (made payable to Capturing Life's Moments).

The process

Plan on your photo session taking anywhere between 1 to 3 hours (depending on what you schedule). Your images will be ready for review within 2-3 weeks. We will set up a presentation date, where you will come with all decision makers to see and order your senior pictures. Prior to coming, please think about and consider your portrait needs.

Yearbook Picture

Keep in mind that the deadline for yearbook submission is different for every school. **It is your responsibility to ensure that the image is selected in an adequate amount of time to be given to the school.** If you attend any of the Rochester Public High Schools, we will ensure that your yearbook image makes it to the yearbook staff. If you attend any other school, you must provide yearbook requirements and a contact person.

Music

Bring your I-pod if you would like to listen to you own music during your photo session.

CLOTHING

- Bring a variety of clothing in different colors. Don't bring 5 blue outfits even if it is your favorite color. Avoid large, bold brand names or words on clothing. Already, a few big names from just a few years ago, you would not be caught dead wearing now. No need to make your portraits advertising billboards for a clothing brand.

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- Vary the style; all one look (like tanks) gets boring. Vary the dress level, bring some dressy, some medium and some casual. Remember, it is best to do one or two outfits that mom will like, and then we can do the stuff YOU like.
- Bring a dark t-shirt to wear under dark shirts. A white t-shirt triangle under a dark shirt sticks out like a sore thumb so bring a black or gray.
- Some shots are taken close and others full length. Plan outfits completely. It is hard to do a full length formal in your suit if all you brought was big old tennis shoes.
- Also remember, as a general rule, light clothes look better on lighter backgrounds and darker clothes look better on darker backgrounds. So if you prefer dark, bring dark, if you prefer some of both, bring some of both.
- Group your outfits together ON HANGARS. It is amazing how many people come in with clothes stuffed in a plastic bag and wonder why they are wrinkled! Make sure they are ironed. Although we have an iron for touch ups, we don't want to waste your time on ironing.
- We suggest you bring double what you think we will do so we have more to pick from.

SHAVING

Please make sure you are clean shaven. Retouching stubble costs extra and still does not look as good as a clean shave. Got a goatee that mom hates, but you love? Do your casual shots first with it on, then bring a razor and go to the restroom and shave it off for mom's formals. Everyone is happy that way!

CLOTHES FOR BLACK & WHITE

The black and white "glamour" look that is so popular is best with black clothing. The contrast between the skin and black is what makes them so dramatic. So bring some black, wild to mild. Dark bottoms are also in order.

MAKEUP

Makeup should only be slightly heavier than normal. About like you might wear in the evening. Mascara should be clean and contain no clumps. So if your mascara is old and clumpy, replace it first. Avoid makeup with "sparkles" in it. When you move, it makes a nice shimmer, but in a photo, where you are still, it creates a little white spot that almost looks like a zit. Also avoid makeup with an SPF in it. Although it is good for your skin in the sun, the SPF tends to create a shine. Summer shine can be controlled by using translucent powder.

HAIR

Avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair immediately before your session. If you want a clean look get it cut at least one week prior to your session. Coming right from the stylist may work well for girls but not as well for guys. Bring your hair care tools and products with you if need too, it is ok to show up in curlers!

Although we try to help with hair, it is hard to know what your hair "is supposed to look like". So make sure you like the look or let the photographer know your preferences.

PROPS

Bring Props! Bring props that help define who you are. Some popular choices are: Sports equipment (soccer ball, football, hockey stick, hurdle etc.), sports uniforms, music instruments (tuba to rock guitar), or for activities (dance leotard and shoes, swimming caps, or theatre posters).

GLASSES

Most glasses glare, some prescriptions more than others. Your best bet is to check with your optometrist. Most will "loan" you an empty set of frames similar to yours for your photo session.

COMPLEXION

We retouch blemishes; so don't worry about minor breakouts. If extensive retouch is necessary there is an extra charge.

FRIENDS & PARENTS

Friends or parents are welcome. They can be a help! HOWEVER, if they distract you, it is best to have them wait in the sitting room. You can have a couple of shots with a boyfriend, girlfriend, best friend or sibling at no extra charge.

WEATHER FOR OUT DOOR PORTRAITS

Let's face it, we are at the mercy of mother nature. If it rains, no fretting will do anything about it, we simply have to reschedule. Don't worry about clouds, they actually HELP! But rain falling IS a problem. If it is a morning session, we will call you if we need to cancel due to weather, otherwise, we are on! If it is a daytime and the weather is questionable, simply call the studio.

TATTOOS & SCARS

Just let the photographer know if you want tattoos to show or not. It is that easy. Scars are not automatically retouched, but can be removed or softened at your request. Extensive work may have a slight extra charge

JEWELRY

Best tip here is to keep it simple. We want the attention on you. Big, shiny jewelry can distract from the real subject, YOU. If you have different jewelry for different outfits, you might put each set of jewelry in a plastic baggie and hang it on the hangar with that outfit.

With that being said, if you are going for a high fashion look, sometimes big jewelry offers an amazing accent. So, really go with what your style is and the look you are trying to achieve.

And the last word of advice is to have fun with it all! The more fun that you have with it the better your pictures will be.

See you soon!

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