



TIPS FOR GREAT SENIOR PORTRAITS

This FREE guide has been assembled to help you get the most out of your senior portraits. This guide has been prepared for you by Jaze Photography – a Dayton based photography company.

About Jaze Photography:

Jaze Photography is based in Dayton Ohio. Started in 2000 and, at the time, mainly serving new and intermediate models. Photographer, Jason George, got his start in the fashion end of the industry helping models get started on the right track in the modeling industry. Jaze Photography provides high-end fashion photography to help models build portfolios and provide models the tools to market themselves in the industry.

Jaze Photography brought its experience and talent to the consumer market in 2003 by providing Senior Portrait and Wedding services. Since 2003, Jaze Photography has continued to exceed client expectations with maternity, newborn and family portraits as well as sports photography coverage and other commercial photography needs.

Sleep: Beauty sleep is real! (even for guys). Make sure you get a good nights sleep before your shoot so that you're fresh, well rested and don't have bags under your eyes.

Don't over-schedule: Keep the day of your shoot open. Allow for plenty of time before and after your scheduled session so you're not rushing around or stressed before and/or during your shoot. Senior Pictures only happen once and they should be fun. Plan your day so that you don't have to worry about the time. Jaze Photography doesn't shoot by the clock, we shoot until the creative goals are accomplished. This means shoots can sometimes run longer than expected.

Hair Care: Guys, let a new haircut grow out for at least a week before your shoot. A brand new haircut usually doesn't shoot very well. Plus it'll give any possible tan lines and chance to fade before your session. Girls, if you plan on coloring your hair or getting a new style the same applies – schedule your hair appointment a week before the shoot so you have time to get used to it. Shaving: Guys and Girls – shave the night before if possible to avoid any skin irritation during the shoot. If the night before isn't possible than early morning the day of.

Clothes: Have clothes and accessories picked out the night before. The clothes you pick should reflect your personality and style. Jaze Photography will give you some guidelines on clothing selections and how many outfits you should bring. To make outfit changes go more smoothly it can be helpful to collect the accessories for each outfit into a plastic baggie and attach it to the hanger. Your clothes should be clean and wrinkle free. Also, try on your outfits to make sure no tan lines will be showing. Remember appropriate undergarments. If you're wearing thin strapped or strapless

tops or dresses bring a strapless bra, etc. Remember, your senior portraits will become keepsakes, consider some solid shirts among your selections and other garments that are “timeless” for those portraits that will hang on the wall in your parents house for years to come.

Glasses: If you have contacts wear them and bring your glasses – if you’d like to do some pictures with your glasses we can use them (this is optional). If you don’t have contacts consider bringing an extra pair of frames without lenses. In most cases we can avoid “lens glare” in the studio but some on location situations are more challenging. Having a pair of glasses without lenses will resolve this issue. Many Optometry places will allow you to borrow frames for a shoot. Check with the place you purchased your glasses from to see what options may be available to you.

Makeup: Bring any hair and makeup supplies you might need with you to your shoot. This includes curling irons, hair spray and especially powder foundation and lip gloss. Your makeup should be blended to your neck so that it doesn’t look too white.

Blemishes: These aren’t the end of the world. Jaze Photography offers retouching standard on all our Senior Portrait sessions so if you end up with a blemish on shoot day don’t worry – we’ll make you look your best. Don’t goop on the makeup to try and cover it. Let our retouching services make it disappear for you. We’ll make sure your finished pictures look great!

Smile! We’ll do a mixture of smiling and serious poses. If you’re not big into smiling spend some time in front of a mirror and practice a little bit. We’ll have a good time during your shoot and hopefully get you laughing a little bit to capture a genuine smile or two.

Props: Bring props and accessories that fit your personality, your interests and your style. This includes sports gear, uniforms, musical instruments, awards, artwork, team or show shirts, varsity jacket etc. With prior arrangements we can also accommodate some pets. We can also do on-location shoots with cars, motorcycles and other large items. We also like to do pictures on your school grounds to give you portraits unique to you and where you spent the most time at school. Consider pictures at the stadium or in the theatre, gym or anywhere else that’s significant to you. *NOTE: locations requiring access to the building or other locked areas will likely require coordination with a school representative. Consult with your school office or board of education to make these arrangements.*

Bring a friend: Bring your best friend(s) to be a part of your shoot. Jaze Photography doesn’t charge extra sitting fees for friends so feel free to bring them along! We’ll spend some time capturing moments with you and your friends before getting to work on the rest of your portraits – or have them do their portrait session with you at the same time! This can be tons of fun! Have a place you and friends always hang out? This can be a great on-location spot for some really memorable senior pictures!

Hands and Feet: Guys, make sure nails are clean and trimmed. Girls, the same applies - consider a mani/pedi the day before. Use a natural/neutral nail color on your nails. Avoid bright or bold colors. Your nails shouldn’t be a distraction in your portraits.

Tanning: Avoid tanning booths or laying out at least a few days before your session (maybe more for some) so that you’re not red or burned for your session. If you do tan, be very careful the amount of time you spend exposed so that your skin isn’t red for your shoot.

Examples: Consider bringing pictures from magazines, catalogs or other sources to serve as examples of the kinds of pictures you'd like to take. This will help us have a better understanding of your style and ensure you get pictures back that you're completely happy with.

Yearbook photos: If you're planning on having us do all your portraits you'll need to get with your yearbook staff and find out the deadline to submit your yearbook photo so it can be included in the yearbook. PLEASE NOTE: Yearbooks typically go to print in the winter so you'll want to make sure you get this deadline as quickly as possible to avoid missing it. Also get any requirements regarding file format etc that your yearbook may have regarding photo submission. We'll then make sure you have what you need. If we're going to be taking your yearbook photo please bring suitable attire for your yearbook shot. You may want to ask your yearbook staff if there are specific requirements to what needs to be worn for your yearbook headshot. If you choose to have your yearbook picture taken by the school's contracted studio that's ok too.

We hope you found the information in this guide useful. Jaze Photography thanks you for considering us among your choices of Senior Portrait photographers and we look forward to working with you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the studio.

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