

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHIELD SENIORS!

SHIELD has many opportunities to share in the celebration of your high school graduates!

We hope you will take advantage of as many of them as possible!

YEARBOOK

Seniors are featured in our yearbook although it is created for all grades from Kindergarten all the way to your precious seniors!

Senior Page

This is a page dedicated to your senior. It will feature their name and senior portrait prominently and from there it is a blank canvas for the senior to create a tribute! Some students primarily use pictures of friends or from childhood. Some use it as a walk down memory lane. Some mention awards they have received or plans they have. Some include poetry or artwork. Most include thanks to those that helped them reach this goal. This page needs to be about them and by them if possible. The Yearbook Staff will provide training and will create a page to your specifications if that is what you would like. Be sure to see "Important Dates for Seniors" below for deadline information.

Senior Portraits

For inclusion in the yearbook's 12th grade portrait pages, seniors will need to schedule a portrait session with Joyful Images Photography during the week of September 9–13 (SHIELD's regular Picture Days). Senior portraits can be scheduled at the same time as all other underclassmen (please visit the yearbook table at Kickoff). Photos will be taken outside at Riverbend Community Church at your scheduled time and will take approximately 5 minutes per student. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early. There is a \$2 sitting fee per student, with a cap of \$6 per family, to be paid the day of your session. After the session, you will be contacted via email with a link to a password-protected online gallery of your student's images. At that time, you may choose to purchase printed and/or digital images. Packages are reasonably priced and allow you to mix and match poses in whatever way best suits your family. There is no obligation to purchase from Joyful Images, but we hope you'll consider them.

Because the yearbook portraits are slightly less traditional this year, we want to make you aware of a few other opportunities for extended senior sessions. These are optional and may be used in your Senior Page or Senior Ad, but will not be used as the official senior portrait in the yearbook's 12th grade portrait pages.

Joyful Images Photography is offering a senior session on the Governor's Mansion grounds at a reduced rate. Your senior would spend 20 minutes with Joyful Images with the goal of producing authentic photos reflecting your senior's personality. There is a session fee of \$125, which includes five high-resolution digital images. Additional packages may also be purchased after the session has been completed through a password-protected online gallery. Take a look at joyfulimagesphotography.com to see examples of other senior sessions, and email joyfulimagesphotography@gmail.com or call 803-261-0934 for more information or to schedule your session.

For traditional senior portraits with drapes or tuxes, please contact Studio G at [803-796-0697](tel:803-796-0697) or orders@studiog.net. They will tailor a session to your specifications, including but not limited to drapes or tuxes, caps and gowns, casual poses and as many clothing changes as needed. Prices will vary depending on the number of poses, amount of time needed and packages purchased.

Lumos Studio is offering a senior session for \$150. Included is a 1.5–2 hour session with 2–3 outfits at a location of your choice. Print and digital packages start at \$300. Check out lumosstudio.com, and email info@lumosstudio.com or call 803-386-9197 for more information and to reserve a session.

Senior Personalization

We will have senior yearbooks embossed with each senior's name as they want it to be printed. Some students want first, middle, and last. Others only want first and last. Some want their formal name as opposed to the name they are normally called (i.e. Andrew vs. Andy). Please indicate your preference by email when you receive the form below.

Senior Ads

We sell Senior Ads at a reduced rate to our senior families. Many parents and/or grandparents like to place an ad congratulating their graduate. Sometimes friends and extended family even get in on this. Blessings and words of encouragement along with childhood pictures are usually the theme of these ads. Parents are welcome to create these pages and the Yearbook Staff will provide a training session or a staff member will create it according to your specifications. However, we would encourage you to go ahead and pull out those old photos and get them scanned into the computer now before the deadlines sneak up on you. The Price for one Full Page Ad is \$50. A second page may be purchased for \$100 (limited space available). You will note an early deadline below for "Senior Ad Intention" so that the yearbook staff can plan the layout of the entire book. The payment and actual ad deadlines are later. If you do not respond by the "Senior Ad Intention" date there may be no room in the yearbook for your ad later.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Achievement Night is an evening to recognize the achievements of all of our students, but Kindergarteners and Seniors are featured. We love this mix because we get to see those at the start of this homeschooling journey and also those who are finishing up. And this gives us the inspiration and courage to continue on!

Cap & Gown

For some students, this will be their only public senior recognition. To this end, we require all seniors to wear a cap and gown to make this a special event for everyone. You can obtain one online fairly inexpensively or perhaps you can borrow one. A recommendation you might want to consider is to coordinate with another senior family if you will be purchasing a cap & gown independently so that you can share shipping costs. Remember that many online vendors are not used to dealing with individuals, so make sure that shipping costs are reasonable.

Blessing and Encouragement

Each Senior Family will have 2-3 minutes to speak to bless the graduate or say thanks to the teachers. We must observe this time limit strictly in order to keep the event enjoyable for all involved. We know there is so much more we parents want to say before they go and time is running short, but please plan in advance so you can respect all those attending.

During this time you are welcome to award your student a diploma if that is appropriate, but not all students will do this since some participate in graduation ceremonies with their accountability organization. In the same way at the end of the blessing some students will move their tassels from the right to the left, but others will do this at a future recognition. Please discuss your preference with your students in advance so they will know how to proceed during this portion of our evening.

Engraved Medal

Parents will be given a "Class of 2014" medal to present to their student that has been engraved with his/her name. Unless otherwise specified we will use the same choice that will be used on a personalized yearbook.

Senior Slide Show

We create a Senior Slide Show set to music that has pictures of each senior through the years. We need to you gather the pictures together and send them to us. You probably have already gathered these pictures to create a Senior Ad, but if not, you need to gather them and scan them into the computer so you can send us some for this special memory! Please send 10-12 photos to the senior coordinator by the deadline listed below. Gather them soon - Time flies during this special time of your student's life!

Senior Yearbook Signing

Early afternoon on Achievement Night Seniors can gather together to receive yearbooks and have them signed by fellow seniors without all the pressure and time constraints of the evening's events. The time and place for this event is still to be determined depending on interest. Please indicate your desire to participate below.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

- 8/31/13 DEADLINE FOR SENIOR AD INTENTION DEADLINE**
- 9/9 – 9/13 YEARBOOK PICTURE DAYS (SENIORS WILL SCHEDULE WITH OTHER STUDENTS)**
- 10/1/13 SENIOR PARENT/STUDENT TRAINING**
- 11/15/13 SENIOR PAGE AND SENIOR AD COMPLETION DEADLINE**
- 11/30/13 SENIOR YEARBOOK NAME EMBOSsing DEADLINE**
- 10/1/13 SENIOR AD PAYMENT DEADLINE**
- 1/10/14 WINTER FORMAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE**
- MID-YEAR MEETING: LAST DAY TO BUY YEARBOOK FOR \$25.**
- 1/31/14 WINTER FORMAL**
- 2/1/14 RECOMMENDED DATE FOR ORDERING CAP & GOWN & TASSEL**
- 3/1/14 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT REGISTRATION DEADLINE**
- 3/1/14 SENIOR SLIDE SHOW PICTURES DEADLINE**
- 3/1/13 SENIOR MEDAL ENGRAVING SPECIFICATION DEADLINE**
- 5/16/14 SENIOR YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION GATHERING (TENTATIVE)**
- 5/16/14 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT (TENTATIVE)**

We will send the following document to you via email.
Please fill out all the information requested and email it back to me!

This is a special year not only for your senior but for you and your family. If you need some encouragement or have some questions I would like to make myself available to help in any way I can.

If you have any other questions about any of these wonderful opportunities, please feel free to call or email me!

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Senior Info We Need

Yearbook Information

Senior Page – Yearbook – for students – complimentary at no charge

- ☐ I do not want to have a senior page in the yearbook
- ☐ I will design my own senior page and I do not need training
- ☐ I will design my own senior page and I need training
- ☐ I want to have someone on the yearbook staff design my page

*Please note we are using a different company this year for producing our yearbook, so if you are relying on your past yearbook experience, it might be better for you to attend training.

Senior Ad – Yearbook – for parents – see pricing below

- ☐ I do not intend to purchase a senior ad
- ☐ Full Page Ad - \$50
- ☐ Additional Full Page Ad - \$100 (if available)
 - ☐ I will design my ad myself or have my student help me
 - ☐ I need training to design my ad
 - ☐ I want to have someone on the yearbook staff design my ad

Senior Name (for embossing on yearbook): _____

Senior Yearbook Signing

I DO/DO NOT plan to participate in a senior yearbook signing event on the afternoon of Achievement Night.

Achievement Night

- ☐ I do NOT plan for my student to participate on Achievement Night
- ☐ I have not yet decided about our participation.
- ☐ I plan for my student to participate on Achievement Night
 - ☐ I already have a cap & gown or know where to get one
 - ☐ I need information about getting a cap & gown
- ☐ My student does NOT want to receive the “Class Of” medal with their name engraved
- ☐ My student would like to receive the “Class Of” medal with their name engraved. (no charge)

Senior Name (for engraving on medal): _____

Contact information

Senior email address & phone#: _____

Parent email address & phone#: _____

Parent Name(s): _____