

Greetings Class of 2021,

We hope that you have had a wonderful start to the school year! This year Southwest Portraits has decided to photograph senior portraits on campus on the same days as the underclass portraits.

All senior portraits will be taken on campus October 13-16 during English classes. English teachers will let students know which specific day they are scheduled for. If you do not have an English class, you will need to make sure you get your portrait taken during a free period (i.e. lunch or early release) before the end of the day. Southwest Portraits will be offering the same package pricing as the underclass but will be providing a unique look for the senior section of the yearbook. You will have a choice between two different backdrops for your senior yearbook portrait.

Since these are senior portraits, it is essential that you dress in an appropriate manner. This photo will be taken at a “three-quarter shot,” meaning from the thighs up. The senior portrait dress code is as follows: **Gentlemen** must wear a dress shirt and dress slacks (ties and jackets are optional). Jeans will NOT be accepted. **Ladies** must wear a modest neckline; straps and tops must be at least 1” wide and no halter or strapless tops will be accepted. Jeans will also NOT be accepted. Adherence to this dress code will ensure that you are included in the yearbook. Students who are not dressed appropriately will need to have an additional photo taken (if time allows) or their photo will NOT be featured in this year’s yearbook. We do understand that the summer months are quite warm for this type of attire, however, the photo will only take about 5-10 minutes and students can bring their clothes to change into at school.

If you had your portrait taken at our photographer’s studio over the summer, you will still need to have your yearbook picture taken on campus with your class on the 11th or 12th, as the studio sessions are completely optional and the resulting photos are for you and your family.

In addition to this year’s senior portraits, we have also decided to continue using the Jostens online senior recognition ad creator to allow parents/family members to create their own yearbook pages to recognize graduating seniors. Instead of mailing or emailing photos and dedication text to the yearbook staff to have them create an ad from a generic template, parents will be able to upload photos directly to the dedication page and arrange as desired. We are still very excited about this tool and hope you are too! A flyer from Jostens with more details has been included on the next page.

Please feel free to email Taliena Koch (yearbook adviser) at [taliena.koch@gilbertschools.net](mailto:taliena.koch@gilbertschools.net) with any questions regarding portraits or senior recognition pages.

Thank you,

2021 La Cordillera Yearbook Staff



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