

SHIELD SENIOR OPPORTUNITIES

Congratulations on achieving the last leg of your student's home schooling adventure!

The senior year is demanding, and I encourage you to begin doing a few things to spread out the time crunch pressures:

- In the fall, begin sorting family photos for ones you and your student would like to include in the yearbook senior page, the parent ad page, and the achievement night slideshow.
- Think about purchasing or borrowing a cap and gown for use in formal portraits and for Achievement Night in May.

YEARBOOK DECISIONS

PROFESSIONAL PORTRAITS: Many families choose to have formal pictures made of their graduate. They are often done in the fall. Possible services can be provided by: Yearbook Photographer of the year; Joyful Images Photography (803-261-0934); Studio G, West Columbia (803-796-0697); Portrait Innovations, Harbison (803-749-9580); or any photographer of your choice.

YEARBOOK SENIOR PAGE: Shield provides for free a yearbook page for your student to express themselves. It often contains photos, a thank you to special individuals, quotes, etc. This is the page often signed by friends at graduation time. The yearbook staff will announce the deadline, and I will pass that information on to you.

YEARBOOK AD: This is a page paid for and designed by the parents of the graduate. It often contains photos, favorite memories, a letter to your graduate, etc. The yearbook staff gives a deadline, and I will notify you. The yearbook also provides training in how to use the software to design your page. In the past the charge has been \$50 per page.

YEARBOOK PERSONALIZATION: Each senior yearbook will be embossed with the senior's name as the wish it to be printed. Please notify Valerie in writing with your exact desire in the way you want the name printed.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

YEARBOOK SIGNING: Before Achievement Night, seniors are invited to come early to have the fellow seniors sign their yearbooks. It is optional.

CAP & GOWN: A cap and gown is required for Achievement Night. The seniors will march in and out of the auditorium. It can be your choice of color and can be borrowed or ordered online at provider of your choice.

SENIOR SLIDE SHOW: A montage of 10-12 photos of each student is set to music and played before the ceremony and during your graduate's blessing. The deadline is March 1st. Please take time to begin reducing your family's collection to the photos you and your student want to use for the yearbook pages and the slideshow!

FAMILY BLESSING AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Each family is given **2-3** minutes to speak to their graduate and publicly acknowledge them. During this time the parents award a diploma, if they choose to give one.

SENIOR ENGRAVED MEDAL: Shield provides a "Class of 2017" medal with the name engraved. It is also usually presented during the blessing and encouragement time.

IN THE EVENT THAT SHIELD DOES NOT HAVE A YEARBOOK COORDINATOR, ALL THE DEADLINES ARE PENDING. Should a coordinator become available, we will notify you of the necessary dates. Should a coordinator not arise, please avail yourself of the opportunity to create a memory book for your student from many of the online services available! The number of pictures will only be limited by you, and you can make it very personal. Do not be discouraged by the lack of a yearbook if that is what happens. You can have a great deal of fun summarizing your graduate's life in a personal photo book!

I WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD FILL OUT THE ATTACHED INFORMATION AND E-MAIL IT TO ME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE!!!

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 Name(s):

Parent email address & phone#:
