

LOVE, ME SENIORS

CLASS OF 2017



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PHOTOGRAPHY

FIRST THINGS FIRST

I am ridiculously excited about the fact that you've booked a session with Love, Me Photography. I know there are many talented photographers out there, and I feel privileged to get the opportunity to spend time with you—and, you know, take a few crazy-amazing senior portraits that your family will treasure for the rest of your life while we're at it.

Now that you're officially a Love, Me client, I'd like to fill you in on all the pre-and-post photo shoot details that will make your session run as smoothly as possible. Inside this magazine you'll find wardrobe recommendations, hair and makeup tips, an extensive timeline, information on how to order products after your session, and so much more. Keep reading for a quick overview of how the whole thing works.

TIMELINE

4-12 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR SESSION:

Pay your session fee and fill out your questionnaires using the links listed below.

MOM: Fill out your form: lovemephotography.com/bookingseniormom

SENIOR: Fill out your form: lovemephotography.com/bookingsenior

3-6 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR SESSION:

Schedule your pre-session consultation and narrow down locations + outfit selections.

SCHEDULE: Book your pre-session consultation: meetme.so/planningconsultation

LOOKS + LOCATION: Narrow down your choices: pinterest.com/lovemephoto

PRE-SESSION CONSULTATION

To help our meeting run as efficiently as possible please bring pictures of your outfits, locations you like, styles you're drawn to, prop ideas, and anything else you're considering.

WEEK OF YOUR SESSION:

You will receive a reminder confirming the time and location of our meeting place.

DAY OF YOUR SESSION:

Be on the lookout for my white Land Rover. If you can't spot me, call my studio cell phone: 817.905.3375. Once we've met up I will look at your outfits and determine where to begin your shoot. After a game plan has been established you can follow my car, caravan-style, or I can ride along with you. Take your pick!

2-3 WEEKS AFTER YOUR SESSION:

Schedule your order and design session, where you'll watch a personalized slideshow containing a minimum of 50 images and place your order for the wall canvases, wallet portraits, graduation announcements, and storybook albums of your dreams!

SCHEDULE: Book your ordering session: meetme.so/orderingsession

4-6 WEEKS AFTER YOUR ORDERING SESSION:

After finalizing your order and submitting your payment (or setting up a payment plan with me), your completely out-of-this-world order will be ready for pickup. Check your inbox and cell for a message letting you know available pick-up times!

MEETING + PICK-UP ADDRESS:
108 INVERNESS DRIVE, TROPHY CLUB, TX 76262



BEFORE YOUR SESSION



After booking your session via my online calendar, you'll automatically receive an email containing a link to my Q&A forms. Take some time to think about the look and feel you'd like your session to have, take a peek at a few of my favorite locations on [pinterest.com/lovemephoto](https://www.pinterest.com/lovemephoto), then fill in the blanks and submit the form. I'll send you a confirmation email that includes a link to my appointment calendar—similar to the one you used when booking your session—where you'll reserve a date for your pre-session consultation. Our consultation can take place at my home, 108 Inverness Drive, Trophy Club, Texas, 76262 (coffee included) or over the phone, so be sure to let me know your preference when inputting your information on the calendar. Please note that if you do not specifically request an in-person meeting, a phone appointment will be scheduled by default.





LOCATIONS: AN OVERVIEW



Fact: There's a stunning location for every single season on the calendar. If you have a specific spot in mind for your senior portraits I'll happily travel to the location of your dreams (as long as it's in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, of course). Not sure about where you'd like to strike a pose? No problem! During our pre-session consultation I'll guide you through a location slideshow that will help you visualize the look and feel of your shoot. After discussing your style, personality, and preferences, we'll finalize your location so that there's no wasted time (or mileage) on the day of your session. With that in mind, please take some time to peruse pinterest.com/lovemepphoto prior to our pre-session consultation—this is an easy way to gain inspiration and begin narrowing down your photo shoot ideas.

LOCATIONS, CONTINUED



Here's the truth: the location of your senior portrait session might not be as important as you think. That's because no matter where I'm shooting, *my focus will always be on capturing the "you-est" part of you.* The white-washed barn or industrial brick wall in the background is just that—a background that's meant to complement your unique style and personality!

Again, if you have a specific spot in mind—your high school's baseball field or your family's ranch, for example—by all means, let me know. Otherwise, I would love to help you identify the perfect location for your portraits during our pre-session consultation (it's kind of my thing). Please consider the following questions prior to our appointment to ensure that our meeting runs as efficiently as possible.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How far am I willing to travel for my senior portrait session?
2. What kind of outfits will I be wearing during my shoot? (If you have photos of your wardrobe, by the way, please bring them!)
3. What words would I use to define my personal style?





STYLIST REFERRALS



Senior portraits are the perfect excuse for a little extra glam time. We just so happen to offer in-house makeup services at Love, Me Photography, and we also frequently work with other professionals who always make sure that our clients are 100% camera-ready—most stylists will even come to your home for photo shoot prep! If you want your wardrobe to look picture-perfect but don't have time to go to the mall, our studio can also arrange for a personal shopper to pick up a few new options for you.

MAKEUP ONLY

Get gorgeous at our studio for \$60, or pay \$95 for Monica to attend your shoot and provide touch-ups in between shots.

Monica Childress | Love, Me Photography
Contact: 817.905.3375

HAIR + MAKEUP

Kaleigh Caver | The Styling Stewardess
Website: www.thestylingstewardess.com
Contact: info@thestylingstewardess.com

Jordan Bawcom | Grand Slam Glam
Website: www.grandslamglam.com
Contact: 214.500.1436

WARDROBE STYLING

Nordstrom and Anthropologie Southlake (ask for Kelly!) both provide excellent styling services. I also love working with Kara of What's She Wearing Now—she's the best at helping my clients "shop" their own closets!

Kara Griser | What's She Wearing Now?
Website: [What's She Wearing? on Facebook](#)
Contact: 817.966.2228





YOU'VE GOT THE LOOK



CLOTHING

I bet I can guess your first fashion-related question: “How many outfit changes should I bring to my session?” I typically suggest limiting your options to three or four standout looks as this seems to be the magic number time-wise. With that said, I’m here to serve you, so feel to bring as many options as you’d like. When considering your choices, make sure your final selections are representative of what you actually wear on a day-to-day basis. This isn’t the time to get overly experimental with your style! Think variety not only in terms of color, but formality. Don’t be afraid of a very casual or very dressy look (like your prom or homecoming dress, for example). If you’re planning to go through sorority recruitment, bring a nice outfit that really speaks to your personality and style for these photographs.



CONSIDER YOUR LOCATION

If your session will be taking place in an urban environment—think artsy alleyways and lots of brick walls—you probably won't want to wear a cowboy hat and Wranglers. That's not to say that contrast can't be cool, though. A shimmering dress or jewel-toned top would work well in the previously mentioned scenario, ladies, while a dress shirt or polo might do the trick for you, guys.



COLOR, STYLE, AND FIT

When people say things like, “Blue really makes your eyes pop,” consider their words a clue that points in the direction of your most flattering hue. This is kind of obvious, but you should also think about the colors you’re most consistently drawn to. Obsessed with all things purple? Then be sure to bring that new lavender top you just bought! Also keep in mind that layering pieces such as blazers, scarves, sweaters, and jackets can provide additional looks within your primary outfit selections. Things to leave at home: T-shirts with large name-brand logos (graphic tees are an exception), baggy clothes (unless you’re going for the boho look), clothes that are too tight, and tops with busy plaids or large patterns.



PROPS + ACCESSORIES

Is there a certain top that mom just loves to see you wear? Did grandma knit you a sweater? Do you frequently sport a letter jacket, a cheer uniform, a guitar case, a lacrosse helmet, a smock, or a [insert your favorite sport here] jersey? Bring 'em all, along with any other related props you can think of (you know: your megaphone, favorite amp, lacrosse stick, paintbrushes, or balls of the soccer/football/tennis/basket variety). I want these pictures to showcase your personality, meaning whatever makes you feel like—well, *you*—is exactly what you should bring to your session.

P.S.

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THIS IS JUST BETWEEN US, MOM

While I love it when seniors dress in the latest trends—skinny jeans and hipster glasses come to mind—I also want to make sure that the portraits I create are classic, timeless, and most importantly, a genuine reflection of your child. I recommend selecting of a variety of looks, and would love for you to personally pick out an outfit or two that you feel best represents your son or daughter’s personality. This applies to hairstyles, too. Take, for instance, the “messy bun.” Is the style a traditional fixture in senior portraits? No. But is it a look that your senior daughter most likely sports on a regular basis? Just a guess, but I’m going to go with yes. The point: Encourage your child to incorporate outfits, accessories, and even hairstyles that are “them”—the “them” your family will want to remember when reminiscing in the years to come.





CURL UP AND DYE

Your hair, that is. If you get your hair highlighted, make sure to schedule an appointment before our shoot. In need of a trim? Book your cut around two weeks before the session to ensure that it's just the right length. Other little things that make a big difference: neatly-trimmed nails, nicely-shaped eyebrows, and—if your skin will cooperate with you—a glowing complexion. (No worries, though—I'll work a little Photoshop magic on blemishes that refuse to play nice.)



IF THE SHOE FITS

Don't necessarily wear it (er, them). Ditch scuffed kicks and go for a clean and polished pair—Vans, Converse, and leather options always look great on guys, and I love to see my girls in boots, heels, ballet flats, and high-tops—again, whatever feels the most like you.

RECOMMENDED SHOPPING

GUYS:

American Eagle
Banana Republic
Urban Outfitters
Gap
J. Crew
Abercrombie
Hickey Freeman
Lacoste
Ralph Lauren
Oakley
Nordstrom
Aeropostale
Zappos([zappos.com](https://www.zappos.com))

GIRLS:

Anthropologie
Free People
Nordstrom
Forever 21
American Eagle
Banana Republic
Urban Outfitters
Gap
J. Crew
Mod Cloth ([modcloth.com](https://www.modcloth.com))
Buckle
Zappos ([zappos.com](https://www.zappos.com))
Ulta
Sephora
Charming Charlie



GIRL TALK

Guys, go ahead and move on to the next section of this magazine. That's enough shop-talk to last you a lifetime, I'm sure! Girls and moms-of-girls, stick around a few minutes for a few additional things worth noting.

GOING PRO



If you're not a fan of doing your own hair and makeup, or you're unsure about how you'd like to be styled for your session, I suggest enlisting the aid of a professional. Even if you're planning on doing your own styling, scheduling a trial run with a hair stylist or makeup artist is still a good idea—think of all the new tips and tricks you'll learn!

If you *are* going to book a stylist for the day of your session, make sure to call at least one month in advance as calendars fill up quickly.

THE SECOND LOOK



If you want a stylist to come along with you during your session, that's great! I work with the companies on my "Stylist Referrals" list all the time! However, I only recommend paying for this service if you're really going to utilize their expertise. Having your stylist change up the look of your daughter's hair (maybe by twisting it into a bun or braid) or makeup (layering on a dramatic lip color) to create a "second look" makes a huge difference in terms of image variety.



ABOUT FACE



Applying your own makeup before our photo shoot? Follow this quick plan-of-action that's been proven to produce great results on camera:

SKIN

Begin by applying a light foundation or a tinted moisturizer that matches your skin tone (I'm particularly fond of Revlon's PhotoReady line of foundations and concealers, which you can find at any Walgreens or CVS). Add extra cover-up to any blemishes, then set with a light dusting of powder. Finish your face makeup with blush and bronzer in natural shades. (And seriously, please know that I can provide any level of Photoshop "cover-up" necessary if you're self-conscious about your skin. I've been there!)

EYES

Two things to consider when selecting shadow shades: the clothes you're wearing and the color of your eyes and skin. Dark neutrals tend to look best on camera—think shades of brown and gray—as long as they're nicely blended. Dark brown or medium black mascara and a swipe of eyeliner will complete the look. Be sure to comb through any eyelash clumps, and make a note to leave the following at home: sparkles, glitter eye shadow, and heavy black eyeliner.

LIPS

Finish your look by applying a light shade of lipstick topped with a coat of tinted gloss—pinks and neutrals look good on just about everyone. I recommend keeping your lips (and your entire makeup palette) fresh and natural, but if you'd like to go for a vintage and/or Taylor Swift vibe toward the end of your shoot, bring along a rich shade of lipstick for the final frames!



MANIS + PEDIS



Use our shoot as your excuse to get a nail appointment on the calendar and enjoy a little relaxation time, girlfriend. Freshly-polished fingers and toes make all the difference in the world, especially if you're planning on accessorizing with stacks of cool rings or a new pair of open-toed wedges. The little details matter!

UNDERNEATH IT ALL



You spent so much time picking out the perfect outfits for our photo shoot. Make sure you show them off to their best advantage by pairing them with the right undergarments. Your bra should be in the same color palette as your outerwear (black top, black bra . . . you know the drill). Sundresses and tanks should be accompanied by a strapless style to ensure that no annoying straps pop out during the session. A neutral-hued pair of Spanx (or any brand of smoothing undergarments) can also be a girl's best friend when it's time to get camera ready—I'm not a fan of panty-lines, and I'm guessing that you're not, either.



FINISHING TOUCHES



Accessories are a fun way to elevate your look. Jackets, sweaters, scarves, and belts all fall into this category, as do rings, earrings, necklaces, and headbands. When you're compiling your add-ons, however, remember the following quote by Coco Chanel: "Before leaving the house, look in the mirror and remove one accessory." In other words, *don't overdo it*. Choose a few statement pieces—a turquoise necklace, stacked bangles, oversized chandelier earrings—but wear them separately to ensure that each piece really shines.

EMERGENCY KIT



We live in Texas, meaning you never know when gale-force winds will come sweeping down the plains. That being said, I suggest bringing along hairspray, extra bobby pins, ponytail holders, a teasing comb, and whatever else you need to keep your style in place for the duration of our shoot. It can also get really hot in Texas, which has been known to cause "melting makeup" syndrome. Pack your purse with extra powder, blotting sheets, eyeliner, and lip gloss for touch-ups throughout the day or hire your stylist to come along and assist with touch-ups + toting your beauty cargo.





SESSION DAY

Expect your senior session to last two hours, outfit and location changes included. Now, a few checklist items for you to remember.

CHECK, PLEASE

- ✓ Look for my white Land Rover on the day of our shoot. If you can't find me, call my studio cell phone: 817-905-3375.
- ✓ Clear out space in your car to accommodate outfit changes.
- ✓ Bring all of your outfits with you on hangers. The more organized you are, the better!
- ✓ Don't forget to bring appropriate undergarments for each of your outfits + any props you'd like to include.
- ✓ Mom: Come to the shoot with your hair and makeup done (no yoga pants!) so that I can snap a few images of you + your senior. I also recommend wearing comfy shoes since we'll be walking around quite a bit.
- ✓ Bring a snack pack and water for a quick pick-me-up.
- ✓ If a stylist will not be attending your shoot, be sure to pack any hair/makeup products necessary for touch-ups.
- ✓ Please feel free to take behind the scenes photos or videos of me "in action" with your senior—I love posting what my moms capture on Instagram (check out the hashtag #Impbts for proof)! Text your images to 817.905.3375 for a feature on @lovemephotography.



AFTER YOUR SESSION

HIT THE TOWN

Because: **a)** You're going to look amazing, and **b)** Finishing your senior portrait session calls for a celebration dinner (and maybe a movie as well).

PS: Don't forget to text me any behind the scenes photos or videos you captured during your senior's session, mom! You can text them to 817.905.3375 at any time.



PROOFS + ORDERS

Once our photo shoot has wrapped, visit my calendar to book your order session: www.meetme.so/orderingsession. This in-person meeting gives you the opportunity to review a handpicked selection of 50+ edited portraits, and must be scheduled a minimum of two weeks after the date of your shoot. After watching a personalized slideshow filled with gorgeous images you'll stock up on graduation announcements, over-the-fireplace canvases, stunning coffee table albums, and more.



BEYOND-THE-PORTRAIT BRANDING

If you would like to create a yearbook ad or plan to submit photos to a church slideshow, my team will gladly communicate with school or church representatives and send high-resolution, properly-sized image files on your behalf. We can also help you create the most out-of-this-world sorority recruitment packets, graduation announcements, party invitations, and thank you notes you've ever seen. Bring the necessary information to our ordering appointment or send me an email outlining your needs, and we'll get to work!



INSTAGRAM LOVE

Everyone who books a session with Love, Me Photography will receive a complimentary selection of logo-marked digital images that are ideal for sharing on social media or emailing to friends and family.

Disclaimer: Posting portraits from a Love, Me Photography senior session has been known to “blow up” phones with hundreds of likes + retweets. You’ve been warned! Stay up-to-date with studio happenings and catch sneak peeks from your session by following @lovemephotography on Instagram, or connect with me personally @crystaldehahoz and prepare to see pictures of my daughters on a daily basis!

And, since we’re on the subject . . . Mom, go ahead and start posting photos on an Instagram account of your own. It’s such a fabulous way to document your child’s senior year experience. Think of this particular social media platform as an all-in-one filing cabinet and digital scrapbook. Need help figuring out hashtags or other logistics? Be sure to stop by the “Moving Moms” category on the LMP blog! lovemephotography.com/blog



PRODUCTS

To accommodate every budget we offer four flexible portrait packages, which offer significant savings when compared to à la carte purchases.

THE CLASSIC

Known as the Audrey Hepburn of portrait packages, our Classic set includes: 3 high-resolution digital images, an 8x8 coffee table album containing 20 images, 8 matted gift prints (8x10 or smaller), and 25 custom graduation cards.

THE FAVORITE

These are a few of our Favorite things: 8 high-resolution digital images, an 8x8 coffee table album containing 35 images, a 16x24 portrait (framed or printed on a gallery-wrapped canvas), 8 matted gift prints (8x10 or smaller), and 25 custom graduation cards.

THE DREAM

Make all of your senior portrait dreams come true with: A USB of 50 high-resolution digital images, a 10x10 coffee table storybook containing up to 50 images, a 16x24 portrait (framed or printed on a gallery-wrapped canvas), 8 matted gift prints (8x10 or smaller), 50 custom graduation cards.

À LA CARTE

Gorgeous storybook albums, traditional 5x7 framers, heirloom-quality canvas prints, oversized wall portraits, graduation announcements, custom cards, sorority headshots, yearbook ads, and more. For a complete list of products available for purchase à la carte, please contact our studio: 817.905.3375

DIGITAL FILES

Non logo-marked digital files are available for purchase individually or as a collection of 40 images.

HOMWORK: ORDER PREP!

Two to three weeks after your Love, Me Photography photo shoot, we'll get together for an order and design session. To help our meeting run as efficiently as possible, I ask that you do a little prep work beforehand. Think of the following as homework . . . minus the whole grading thing.

DETERMINE HOW MANY GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS YOU NEED

I require a minimum order of 25 announcements, and the sky's the limit from there. After you've looked through your address book and compiled a list of recipients, think about any additional information you might want to include. From graduation party details to open-house information, my designer can completely customize your announcements to fit your needs.

GET OUT THE MEASURING TAPE

Mom, do you have a perfect over-the-fireplace spot in mind for your favorite portrait? Make sure to take an exact measurement of the space to eliminate any guesswork from the size-selection process.

THINK THROUGH GIFT OPTIONS

Planning to order copies of your portraits for grandparents, friends, or other family members? Write down the name of each person on your to-give list and brainstorm print sizes as well.

PLAY MATCHMAKER

If you're trying to match the size and look of an existing portrait—let's say you have a sibling who graduated before you, or you want to hang your senior portrait side-by-side with an elementary school picture (aww!)—make sure to measure the size of the existing piece, take a picture of the portrait, or bring it to your ordering session to ensure an exact match.

BE PREPARED TO SEAL THE DEAL

Your \$500 minimum order is due on the day of your ordering session to stay on-track with our timeline, so make sure that the family member responsible for making order and payment decisions is present for the duration of the session. Please note that if your order exceeds our minimum, you are not required to pay in full at the time of your order session—a payment plan can be arranged.



FAQ

WHAT IF IT'S RAINING ON THE DAY OF MY SESSION?

Texas weather is unpredictable, so I never reschedule until the morning of a session. Rain, dark gray clouds, wind speeds above 15 miles per hour, and/or temperature below 50 degrees are all criteria for cancellation. Expect to hear from me if any of the aforementioned scenarios are going on, and we'll work out the details of your postponed session.

CAN I BRING MY BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND TO TAKE PICTURES WITH ME?

I like to keep the focus on my senior clients throughout the photo shoot, but if you really want a few shots with that special someone, you can invite them to join us at the end of your session.

WHAT ABOUT MY PET?

Absolutely! I love incorporating furry family members into senior sessions. After your pet has finished modeling, make sure that he or she is able to sit in the car until the conclusion of your session . . . unless you're the proud owner of a horse or steer, of course. In that case, give me a call beforehand so that we can work out the logistics—I've made it work before, and I'll happily do it again!

IS A STYLIST AVAILABLE TO DO HAIR AND MAKEUP BEFORE MY SESSION?

I'm totally on board with clients getting their hair and makeup done by a professional. It will give you a clean, fresh look that translates well in photographs, and makes the getting-ready process completely stress free to boot! Check out the "Stylist Referrals" page of this magazine to contact a few of my favorites.

WHERE WILL MY SESSION TAKE PLACE?

I have many beautiful locations for you to choose from in Decatur, Denton, Fort Worth, Grapevine, Southlake, and beyond, and encourage you to visit my Pinterest to view a few examples: www.pinterest.com/lovemephoto. You're also welcome to select your own unique location with the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Just keep in mind that final selections must be made by the time of our pre-session consultation.

WHEN WILL I GET MY PICTURES BACK?

Check out the timeline included with this magazine—it contains all of the when-and-where session details you could ever dream of!

FAQ

I'M SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT CERTAIN FEATURES. DO YOU RETOUCH?

Kiss those worries goodbye! I am well-versed in the art of bringing out the best in my clients. I have years of experience recommending flattering poses that highlight outward features while speaking to a senior's inner beauty as well. This ensures a strong starting point for the raw images I shoot, which then undergo a full editing and retouching process.

DO YOU CREATE GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS?

Yes, we do! LMP's in-house graphic designer creates custom announcements featuring your favorite session images. The result: a one-of-a-kind product that's completely unique to you.

CAN WE PLACE A RUSH-ORDER ON PORTRAITS?

Definitely! My senior clients often require a quick turnaround time, so I'm very familiar with the rush-order process. I will happily create a budget-friendly package for your print order, design custom stationery to send with sorority recruitment letters, and so much more—it's my goal to be your one-stop-shop when it comes to portrait products.

BE HONEST: IF WE HAD TO BUY JUST ONE SENIOR PORTRAIT PRODUCT, WHICH WOULD YOU RECOMMEND?

Thanks to our pre-bundled portrait packages, you don't have to choose just one product! But because you asked, I'll be honest: I love The Favorite combo. In addition to gift prints, wallet photos, custom cards, and an heirloom-quality portrait, The Favorite includes a luxe 8x8 album. There are literally not enough words to describe how important I feel a storybook album is when it comes to senior portraits. It's gorgeous to the highest degree—a display-it-on-the-coffee-table, flip-through-it-all-the-time, remember-every-moment kind of keepsake filled with 60+ images that you'll never regret purchasing. PS: I offer payment plans.



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