

**New Heights Educational Group, Inc.**

**Monthly Point of Interest**

- ◆ **Hostelling**
- ◆ **National School Choice Week**
- ◆ **Got Talent? We Got A Contest For You!**
- ◆ **Fund Raising**
- ◆ **Great Home School Convention**

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Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page.



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**Our Mission Statement**

**The New Heights Educational Group Inc. supports literacy for children and adults by offering a range of educational support services. Such services include assisting families in their selection of schools, organization of educational activities and acquisition of materials. We promote a healthy learning environment and offer Enrichment programs for families of preschool and school age children, including children with special needs.**

New Heights Educational Group, Inc is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization located in Defiance, Ohio. We provide educational support services beginning 2006 for families in Ohio to bridge the gap from inadequacies in home school, charter school, and public school systems.

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*LIVE Internet radio program*

Join Host Sadia Eijaz

Fridays 6pm - 6:15pm

*As she explores a new topic on education every week*






We believe passionately in the God-given right and responsibility of parents to train and educate their children. We are honored to partner with [The National Center for Life and Liberty](#), as we promote and produce homeschool conventions in Ohio, South Carolina, California, Texas and throughout the United States.

- **MIDWEST (Cincinnati, OH) April 24 - 26, 2014**

With 100's of information-packed workshops that are presented by a truly unparalleled group of Featured Speakers, attendees are able to choose sessions that are most applicable to their own homeschooling efforts. **These sessions will include topics such as** Math, Reading, Science, Spelling, Writing, Classical Home Education, Charlotte Mason Methods, Unit Studies, Beginning Homeschooling, Homeschooling through High School, Special Needs, Homeschool Transcripts, Homeschool Legal Questions, Gifted Homeschooling, Successful Parenting, Christian Worldview, Creation Apologetics and much more! You'll not want to miss the very special session with [Gianna Jessen](#), a Family Comedy Night with [Mark Lowry](#), and an evening with [Dr. Benjamin Carson](#). [Subscribe](#) to receive updates for Great Homeschool Conventions, including speaker announcements, workshops offered, and early bird ticket pricing!

[http://www.greathomeschoolconventions.com?ap\\_id=NewHeights](http://www.greathomeschoolconventions.com?ap_id=NewHeights)



## Irish Rosie's Irish Soda Bread

### About This Recipe

*"This Irish soda bread recipe was passed on to me by a dear friend of my mother's who was born and raised in Ireland. It's the best Irish soda bread I have ever had. It is much higher, lighter and softer than most other recipes I have seen. It has an excellent flavor and texture, as well."*

### Ingredients

- o 3 1/2 cups flour
- o 1/2 cup sugar
- o 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- o 2 teaspoons baking powder
- o 1 teaspoon salt
- o 1 pint sour cream
- o 2 eggs
- o 2 tablespoons caraway seeds ( optional but I always use them)
- 3/4 cup raisins

### Director

1. Combine dry ingredients together in a large bowl.
2. In a small bowl beat eggs and stir in sour cream.
3. Add the egg and sour cream mixture to the dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon.
4. Batter will be very thick.
5. Add the raisins and caraway seeds and stir well with wooden spoon or knead in with your hands.
6. Place batter in a greased 9 inch springform pan.
7. Dust the top with enough flour so that you can pat the batter like a bread dough evenly in the pan without it sticking to your hands.
8. With a knife make a shallow crisscross on the top. Bake for 50 minutes in a preheated 350°F oven.



- **Prep Time:**

20 mins

- **Total Time:**

1 hrs 10 mins

**Serves:**

16

**Yield:**



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***Our Nation School Choice Week Event held 02-01-14***



Our National School Choice Week Event was held on February 1, 2014 at Cabin Fever Coffee House. A special thank you to Cabin Fever for allowing us to hold our event there.

*The New Heights Show on Education*

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Join Host Kaden Behan

Saturday 6pm - 6:30pm



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## *Volunteers of the Month*

Wyntra Jones

Sadia Eijaz

Kaden Behan

Chaundra Parker

Shannon Williamson

William Naugle

Marina Klimi

Kathy Woodring

Daniel Arturo Llano Flores

Jon Aitken

Savneet Singh



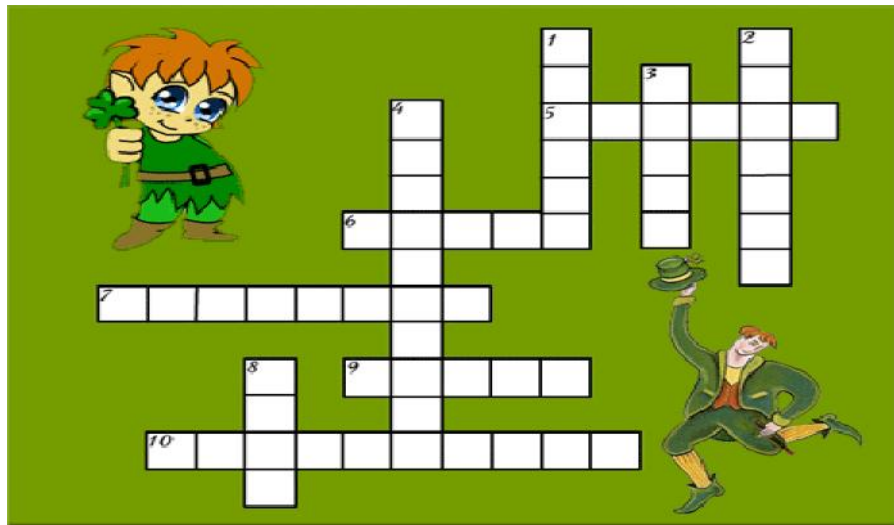
## Hostelling International

### **Reminder:**

We are partners of Hostelling International USA if anyone is interested in participating in a group trip, please contact us. We need 10 in our group to participate in the discount. They have nearly 60 hostels throughout the Hostelling International USA network. Not only do they provide excellent, safe and affordable accommodations, they also provide the opportunity for your group members to learn about other cultures and meet people from all over the world.

For more information about group bookings in the US, please visit us online at <http://hiusa.org/reservations/groups/>. For group-friendly hostels around the world, please visit our international website at <http://www.hihostels.com/groups/>.

# St. Patrick's Day Crossword



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## Across

5. St. Patrick's Day is believed to have driven these creatures out of Ireland.
6. This colour is associated with St. Patrick's Day.
7. A three-leaved plant associated with Paddy's Day.
9. St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born here.
10. The largest Saint Patrick's Day parade in Britain is held here.

## Down

1. The St. Patrick's Day parade was first held here in 1761.
2. Saint Patrick's Day is the national holiday of this country.
3. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on the 17th day of this month.
4. An Irish male fairy said to lead to a pot of gold if chased.
8. A musical instrument used for St. Patrick's Day decorations.

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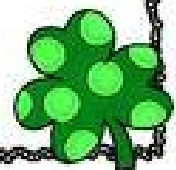
**FUN**



## St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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W	L	K	S	J	H	G	F	D	C	S	A	T	N	B	V
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|----------|-------|---------|------------|
| clover   | pot   | rainbow | luck       |
| green    | Irish | pot     | gold       |
| shamrock | March | Patrick | leprechaun |



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## New to Online Learning? Some Tips to Success By Savneet Singh



By Savneet Singh

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There is an ever increasing ocean of knowledge around us which calls for efficient and improved knowledge acquisition techniques so that maximum knowledge can be retained by the learners. Moreover, the dynamically changing business environment puts completely different challenges on learning process – fast, just-in-time, cheap and relevant learning. E-learning can be proved to be an important asset in various learning environments.

This is an undeniable fact that all learners are individuals having different learning abilities, knowledge, and learning performance that vary substantially and are ever changing. Traditional teaching methods usually follow a "one size fits all" approach. The information is offered in a standardized way and is equal for everyone. This kind of teaching/learning is expensive, problem-independent,

slow, and too unfocused. On the contrary, research has demonstrated that different people learn in different ways. This clearly shows that a personalized approach can improve the learning process, helping people becoming effective life-long learners.

The biggest advantage of an eLearning system is to analyze needs and characteristics of a user and adapt the teaching style and curriculum according to that. Each learning design should contain all possible content instances localized to a language, subject, learning style or a culture. This is important because personalization helps learner in developing a feeling of competence and autonomy over the content.

E-Learning has another advantage of supporting learners during different phases of traditional learning. For example, a student who finds himself lagging behind in Algebra may find a

'contextualized and tailored' online tutoring and mentoring program in e-learning. In some cases it is the only possible method of learning for impaired students or in the absence of teaching structures.

E-Learning has to be more meaningful and must be more

than just reading online lessons or watching presentations. An e-learning system should be based upon collaboration and personalized communication with the learner so that he/she feels comfortable. Research has indicated that it is better to let learners construct their learning, their learning goals and preferences. Thus, we can say that eLearning revolving around learners enhances individual learning efficiency and brings positive results.



# Contest

## Contests:

The New Heights Educational Group, Inc offers multiple contests and award possibilities. These are open to anyone that is a resident of the United States.

New Heights Educational Group, Inc. Resource and Literacy Contests We will list all of our ongoing contests on this page so please check back on a regular basis. Listed below are some of the contests that we will be offering now or in the near future. If you have an idea for a contest please send it to us.

## Rules and Other Information:

All Contests are open to public. The Contests will run for a two Month period Starting date and ending date of current contests:

***Submission Deadlines: April 1, 2014***

***The next winners will be announced on April 15, 2014***

All works must be the work of the student entering the contests, help with proofreading and some editing is allowed. All essays and poems should be typed, in at least 12 point font, and single spaced.

## All works and checks must be mailed to:

New Heights Educational Group, Inc.  
Resource and Literacy Center  
Attention Contest Department  
14735 Power Dam Road  
Defiance, Ohio 43512

**Entry Fee \$10 per item**

1. Each work must have a title.
2. Each author may enter up to five works.

Each work requires a separate entry fee.

3. Only one poem or song per page.
4. The student's name and phone number should appear at the top or bottom of each page.  
No other form of identification should appear on these pages.
5. The student's full name, date of birth and grade level, and contact information, including email and phone number, should be on a separate sheet of paper.

## Judging:

1. All works will be evaluated by a panel of judges appointed by The New Heights Educational Group.
2. All works will be judged on a number of different things.
3. Judges will be persons that do not have a relationship with any of the contestants.
4. The decisions of the judges are final.
5. Results of the contest will be released by middle or end of the month of which the contest ends.

## By submitting a work:

You grant The New Heights Educational Group, Inc the right to publish all or part of your submission. You Agree to all rules and the decisions of the judges and sponsors.

The New Heights Educational Group, Inc is not responsible for any lost, damaged, misdirected, delayed, mutilated, incomplete, illegible, or postage-due entries or mail.

All profits from this contest will go to The New Heights Educational Group, Inc. Resource and Literacy Center.

All winners will be announced on our website and will receive a letter or certificate of recognition and prize by mail and a phone call.

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# Contest

## Cont.

### New Art Contest -

#### Titled "Winter Dreams" or "Spring Dreams"

#### Open to Artist interpretation!

Art - Can be a painting or drawing, or other work Grades to be judged

3-7th grade

8-12th grade

College Students and Adults (Prizes to be announced )

1st Place - Cash Prize

2nd Place - Cash Prize

3rd Place - Cash Prize

College Students and Adults Cash Prize



### Poetry Contest- Themed "Winter Nights " or "Spring Nights "

#### must be original pieces

Grades to be judged

3-7th grade

8 -12th grade

College Students and Adults (Prizes to be announced)

1st Place - Cash Prize

2nd Place - Cash Prize

3rd Place - Cash Prize

College Students and Adults Cash Prize



### Songwriter Contest - open to song writers of all ages must be

#### "family friendly"

You may be invited to share your song with our group!

Each song or lyrics must be original!

1st Place - Cash Prize

2nd Place - Cash Prize

3rd Place - Cash Prize

College Students and Adults Cash Prize



### Photo Contest - themed project - "Winter Wonders" and "Spring Wonders" Must be an original piece!

1st Place - Cash Prize

2nd Place - Cash Prize

3rd Place - Cash Prize

College Students and Adults Cash Prize

### Essay Contest- Can be on any subject that the student feels is important to them!

Or if you prefer a themed project "Winter Wonderland" or

"What makes spring beautiful" or choose your own topic

Minimum of 250 words and maximum 500 words

1st Place - Cash Prize

2nd Place - Cash Prize

3rd Place - Cash Prize

College Students and Adults Cash Prize



# FundRaisers

We are still selling candy bars for \$2 and suckers for .50 cents



## Sponsor a Student

### Current Fundraiser:

<http://www.gaschoolstore.com/Login/WelcomeShopper>

Choose the student you'd like to sponsor by enter the student Id:

Mac 22WPH8Y  
Zachary 22WPH72  
Sadia 22WPH3A  
Lyndsey 22WPH9W  
Desiree 22WPH48  
Kailyn 22WPHCQ



## On My Mind

Pamela Clark



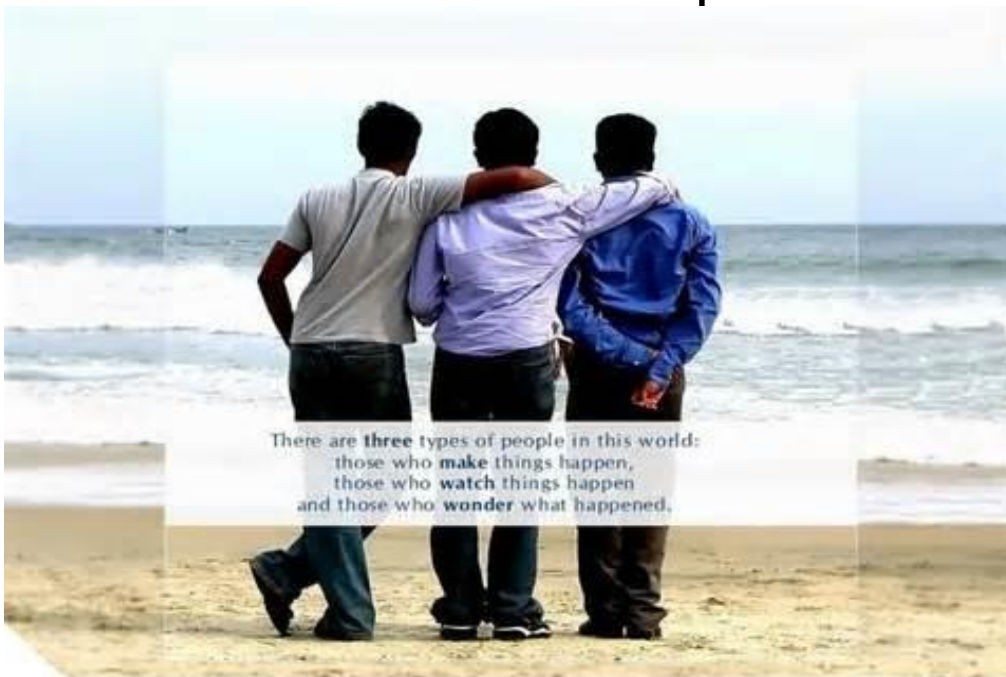
The hardest part of my job, is wanting to help someone that doesn't want to work to help themselves. I would never give up on anyone, and its hard for me to understand when they give up. When I know that if they stick with it they will change their entire future.

### Don't Give Up author unknown

Poem:

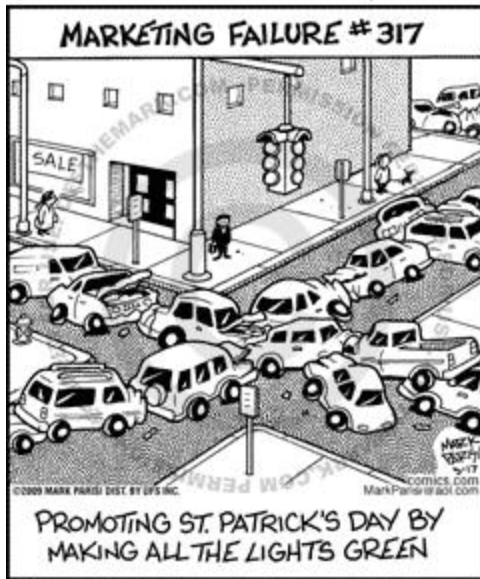
Don't let today's troubles  
Bring you down,  
Or allow you to question  
Your ability

Don't let life's little obstacles  
Keep you from trying,  
Or become the reason  
For defeat  
Don't let your fears  
Keep you from dreaming,  
Or from chasing  
your dream  
Don't give up for any reason  
Believe in yourself,  
And in yourself  
You'll find strength





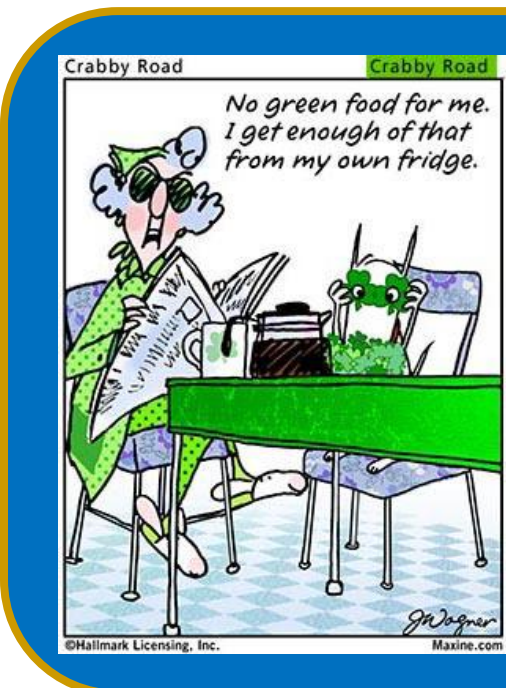
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## Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)

The Ohio Department of Education released the application information for home-schoolers to participate in the PSEO program.

The Ohio Legislature changed the law last year to allow homeschool students to receive funding from Ohio's post-secondary enrollment options ("PSEO") program. The PSEO program pays for dual enrollment college courses at participating Ohio institutions of higher learning. Homeschooling families who wish to participate in the PSEO program must notify the Department of Education by April 1 of the year prior in which they plan to participate.

To find out more about *how to apply for PSEO program funding*, visit the Ohio Department of Education website. If you have questions about the homeschool laws in Ohio, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to serve you!

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/School-Choice/Post-Secondary-Enrollment-Forms-and-Program-Info>



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Sundays 11pm - 11:30pm

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**New Heights Educational Group is selling Elder-Beerman Community Day Booklets for a \$5 donation**

Defiance, Ohio 2/6/14– New Heights Educational Group is selling \$5 booklets to support students educational goals. Our non-profit 501C3 organization keeps 100% of the booklet price and the customer receives up to \$400 in special shopping offers at Elder-Beerman in Defiance, Ohio.

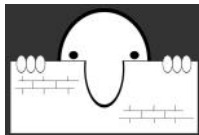
Booklets can be purchased on our organization's website [www.NewHeightsEducation.org](http://www.NewHeightsEducation.org) or Facebook page [NewHeights1@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/NewHeights1@groups.facebook.com) the direct link to order the booklets is <http://bit.ly/Nbcjrm>. Community Day's is a two-day shopping event at Elder-Beerman

The company has generously created this event to enable non-profit 501C3 groups and schools to raise money to support their mission.

"Community Days is an important fundraising event for our organization," said Pamela Clark, executive of The New Heights Educational Group. Our students work hard and the funds raised will help them in reaching their dreams.

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**MEETING NOTICE**

**A Student Advisory Meeting will be held on March 8 at 12 noon in Holgate, Ohio.**

**Contact us for the address**

**Welcome New Volunteers**

New Volunteers

**Phung Nguyen 2/17/14**

Volunteer Online Math Tutor - 9th - 10th Grade

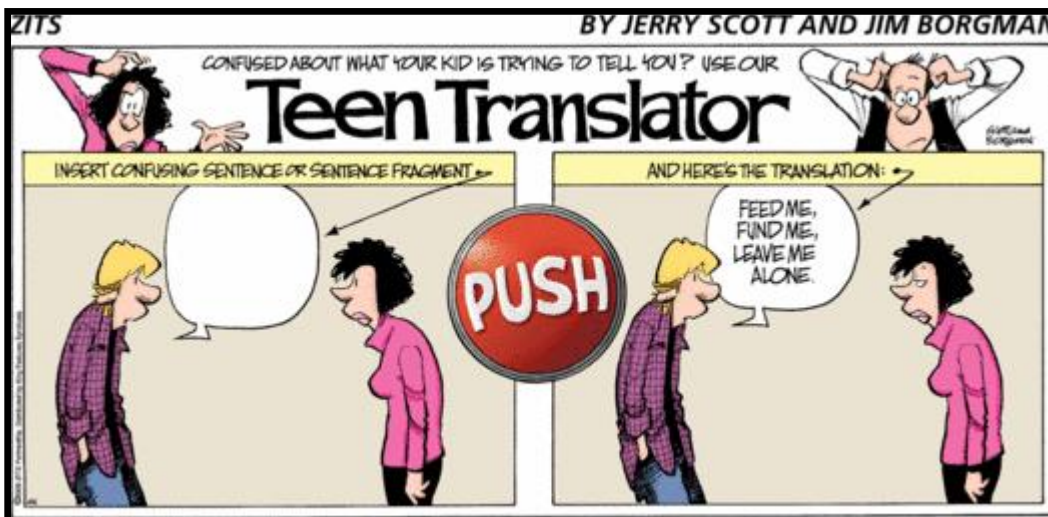
**Boris Pechersky 2/18/14**

Program Developer - software reviews



## Bake & Candy / Candle Sale

We will be holding a Bake and Candy/Candle Sale on March 9 if you can help with this please let us know. Check our site for updates on place and time of fundraiser



## **Did you know that New Heights Educational Group offers Senior Pictures**

New Heights offers high-quality and reasonably priced photographers for your school and senior pictures. Please visit our [School/Senior Picture Gallery](#) to see photos and testimonials.

### **General Information & Scheduling**

Families may request particular shots and locations

- In the event of defective film rolls or inclement weather, photo shoots may be rescheduled at no extra cost (excluding the cost of extra film)
  - Agreements must be signed prior to session
  - Plan 3-4 hours for photo shoot
- Allow for multiple-day sessions if problems arise

### **Clothing & Hygiene Guidelines**

Bring multiple casual and formal outfits

**Professional tip: Solid colors photograph best**

- Remember shoes, socks, and other accessories to complete your outfits
- Iron wrinkled clothes prior to session
- Consider bringing items that express your personality and interests (letter jackets, uniforms, sports equipment, musical instruments, etc.)
- Trim and/or paint fingernails

Bring a brush or comb to touch-up your hairstyle

**Professional tip: Consider getting a haircut the week before your photo shoot**

- Apply makeup prior to shoot and bring products for touch-ups
- Shave face/legs (as appropriate)

Limit sun exposure to prevent sunburn

### **Costs**

- \$150 photo shoot fee + gas fee (up to \$30 per student if excess gas is used due to driving distance)

Fees cover photographer's time and fuel. Film and photo development fees **are not included** in the photography cost. For local film development, we suggest Meijer Matted Photos. Affordable digital print ordering can also be found at [snapfish.com](http://snapfish.com).

**NOTE: New Heights is not responsible for injuries or accidents that occur during photo session(s).**  
<http://www.newheightseducation.org/schoolsenior-picture-opportunity.html>

