



BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

- Invest in a nice digital camera or even a digital SLR camera if you have the money in your budget. These will capture your important moments and events with much higher quality than your cell phone (Even with the major advancements in cellular cameras.)
- Composition is key! A very quick and easy way to improve your compositions is to use the rule of thirds. The rule of thirds is basically dividing your viewfinder into a 3 by 3 grid or 9 squares and aligning your subject with these guidelines and intersection points. Good composition gives you a more dramatic, visually interesting shot.
- Lighting - Be sure to always consider lighting when shooting. The brighter, the better! If you are indoors, make sure to turn on as many lights as possible to get a brighter, less pixelated shot. If you are taking a photo outdoors, make sure the sun is behind you, or the photo will probably end up looking like a silhouette.
- When taking a group photo, be sure to prepare ahead of time with a location, scheduled time, plans and don't forget a tripod. Take a LOT of photos, people will inevitably close their eyes and you will need many shots to work with.
- Always use the highest quality image settings on any camera you shoot with, high resolution matters when you submit photos to anyone for printing or publishing in a magazine or book.