

August 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 2019-2020 school year is upon us, and TAPA welcomes both new and returning families to Thayer Academy.

TAPA — or the **Thayer Academy Parent Association** — is all about community. More specifically, it's about keeping the Thayer community informed, involved, and connected through campus events, guest speakers, informal gatherings, and a host of other activities.

Below, please find some details about what TAPA is, what TAPA does, and how you and your family can get involved.

Again, welcome to Thayer. We look forward to seeing you soon.

What is TAPA?

- TAPA is the Thayer Academy Parent Association, which sponsors community-building activities and supports school initiatives.

Who belongs to TAPA?

- YOU! As a Thayer parent, you are automatically a member of TAPA. We encourage you to become active at Thayer through the various volunteer opportunities that are available throughout the year.

What does TAPA do?

TAPA supports numerous annual events, including:

- Auction to benefit Thayer's Faculty Excellence Fund
- General's Open Golf Tournament, Tennis Event & Cocktail Reception
- Homecoming
- Hospitality at Performing Arts Events
- Middle School Class Dinners
- Parent Athletic Council Spirit Events
- Pre-Prom Event and Prom Trolley Transportation
- Senior Class Dinner
- Senior Community Service Scholarships
- Senior Experience Day
- Sophomore Gala
- Student Self-Defense Class
- Teacher Appreciation Events
- Visiting Speakers and Screenings

These events would not happen without the tremendous contributions of time and energy from parent volunteers, as well as your financial support.

How can you get involved?

- Volunteer! Participating in TAPA events is a great way to meet other parents as well as faculty members while providing the invaluable help we need to support our school.
- You will receive an email shortly with links to TAPA volunteer opportunities. In addition, you can visit the Parents section of the website at WWW.THAYER.ORG/PARENTS and click on "Thayer Academy Parent Association." You will find a link to volunteer opportunities and can sign up right away!

We look forward to seeing you this fall on campus!

Sincerely,



Julie Gilbert P '17, '21
TAPA President

2019-20 Save the Dates!



TAPA 2019-20 Coffees & Meetings



Parent Social & Informational Events



Thayer 2019-20 Community Events

■ First Friday Coffee:

Presentations by Communications & Athletics

► **FRI, SEP 6, 2019**

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. 📍 Center for the Arts (CFA)

■ Coffees with the Directors

UPPER SCHOOL COFFEES:

8:15 - 9:00 a.m. 📍 CFA Lobby

US Coffee w/ Highley Thompson P '20, '23

► **WED, OCT 2, 2019**

► **WED, APR 8, 2020**

MIDDLE SCHOOL COFFEES:

8:15 - 9:00 a.m. 📍 Middle School Library

MS Coffee w/ Carson Smith P '25

► **WED, SEP 25, 2019**

► **WED, JAN 29, 2020**

► **WED, APR 29, 2020**

■ Parent Independent School Network (PIN)

Open to All Thayer Parents

► **FRI, OCT 18, 2019**

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. 📍 Center for the Arts (CFA)

■ Speakers & Screenings

Check the TNN or TAPA's webpage to see upcoming scheduled speakers and film screenings at various times throughout the year!

NEW SOCIAL EVENTS FOR PARENTS!

1 Parent Potlucks

Casual get-togethers for each grade held in parents' homes this winter. Dates TBD!

2 Class Socials

Hosted on campus by Head of School Ted Koskores '70 P '10, '13 this fall:

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIALS:

■ 5TH & 6TH GRADE ► **THU, OCT 3, 2019**

■ 7TH GRADE ► **WED, OCT 16, 2019**

■ 8TH GRADE ► **TUE, NOV 5, 2019**

UPPER SCHOOL SOCIALS:

■ 9TH & 10TH GRADE ► **THU, OCT 24, 2019**

■ 11TH & 12TH GRADE ► **WED, NOV 13, 2019**

■ Thayer Homecoming

► **SAT, SEP 21, 2019**

■ Founders Day: A Day of Giving

► **MON, FEB 3, 2020**

■ Middle School Faculty & Staff Appreciation Lunch

► **THU, FEB 6, 2020**

■ Thayer Auction 2020

► **FRI, MAR 6, 2020**

■ Sophomore Gala

► **FRI, APR 24, 2020**

■ "Last Hurrah!" Senior Class Dinner

► **THU, APR 30, 2020**

■ 8th Grade Class Dinner

► **THU, MAY 7, 2020**

■ 26th Annual General's Open Golf Tournament, Tennis Event & Cocktail Reception

► **MON, MAY 18, 2020**

■ All-School Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon

► **WED, MAY 13, 2020**

Volunteer Opportunities available for all events: www.thayer.org/volunteer

2019-20 TAPA Leadership

Have a question? Please contact us at tapa@thayer.org

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