

August 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 2023-24 school year will soon be upon us, and the Thayer Academy Parent Association (TAPA) welcomes both new and returning families to Thayer Academy.

TAPA is all about community. We couldn't be happier to start this school year and are ready to enjoy our time together again. TAPA is thrilled to introduce the new role of grade-specific Class Parents/Guardians this year! Class Parents/Guardians will be critical to TAPA's efforts to foster a welcoming and inclusive community for all Thayer families. Class Parents/Guardians will share general TAPA communications, work with the TAPA Board to offer support and assistance when requested, and plan social events for parents/guardians to enhance community. If you're interested in becoming a Class Parent/Guardian, please contact me or TAPA Vice President Katilyn Aiello P '26, '28 to learn more about the role.

Below, please find some details about what TAPA is, what TAPA does, and how you and your family can get involved. 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 or guardian, 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 and ongoing activities, including:

- ADMISSIONS EVENTS
- BOOK CLUB
- COFFEES WITH THAYER ADMINISTRATORS
- FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS
- HOMECOMING
- 8TH GRADE CLASS DINNER
- PARENT/GUARDIAN AFFINITY GROUPS
- PARENT/GUARDIAN ATHLETICS COUNCIL SPIRIT EVENTS
- PRE-PROM PHOTOS AND PROM TROLLEY TRANSPORTATION
- SENIOR CLASS DINNER (THE LAST HURRAH!)
- SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS
- SENIOR EXPERIENCE DAY
- SENIORFEST

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

How can you get involved?

- **Volunteer!** Volunteering to help organize, operate, or host a TAPA event is a great way to meet other parents/guardians (as well as faculty members) while providing the invaluable help we need to support our school. [THAYER.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://thayer.org/volunteer)
- **Participate!** Attending TAPA meetings and events is not only enjoyable and informative, but it also serves the larger purpose of continually strengthening our community. We will kick off this year with our first coffee followed by social time designed to foster community spirit.

You will receive an email shortly with links to TAPA volunteer opportunities. In addition, you can visit the Parents section of the website at [THAYER.ORG/PARENTS](https://thayer.org/parents) and click "Thayer Academy Parent Association." You will find a link to volunteer opportunities and can sign up right away!

Again, welcome to a new school year at Thayer! We look forward to seeing you this fall and on campus soon!

Sincerely,



Kim Millian P '26
TAPA PRESIDENT

2023-24 Save the Dates!



TAPA 2023-24 Coffees & Meetings



Parent/Guardian Social & Informational Events



Thayer 2023-24 Community Events

■ School Year Kickoff Coffee

Presentations by Head of School
& other administrators

► FRI, SEP 8, 2023

Time: 8:15 - 9:15 A.M.

📍 Center for the Arts (CFA) Lobby

■ Upper School Coffee

► WED, SEP 20, 2023

Time: 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

📍 CFA Lobby

■ Middle School Coffee

w/ Middle School Director Galen Hamann P '31

► WED, SEP 27, 2023

Time: 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

📍 Middle School Forum

■ Speakers & Screenings

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

PARENT/GUARDIAN SOCIAL EVENTS

1 Middle School Back-to-School Nights & Class Dinners

Hosted on campus by Middle School
Director Galen Hamann P '31

► 5th & 6th Grade Sep 12, 6 p.m.

► 7th & 8th Grade Sep 19, 6 p.m.

2 Class Parent/Guardian Socials

Hosted on campus by Head of School
Chris Fortunato P '26, '28.

► Middle School Oct 26, 6 p.m.

► 9th & 10th Grade TBD

► 11th & 12th Grade Oct 12, 6 p.m.

3 TAPA Spring Social

TBD - May 2024

■ Homecoming

► SEPT 23, 2023

■ Founders Day: A Day of Giving

► FEB 6, 2024

■ All-School Faculty & Staff Appreciation Lunch

► MAY 8, 2024

■ "The Last Hurrah!" Senior Class Dinner

► MAY 9, 2024

■ 29th Annual General's Open Golf Tournament, Tennis Event & Cocktail Reception

► MAY 13, 2024

■ 8th Grade Class Dinner

► MAY 16, 2024

■ SeniorFest

► JUN 7, 2024

Have a question?

Please contact us at tapa@thayer.org

Volunteer Opportunities available for all events:

www.thayer.org/volunteer

2023-24 TAPA Leadership

TAPA President

Kim Millian P '26

TAPA Vice President

Kaitlyn Aiello P '26, '28

TAPA Treasurer

Margit Foley P '25

Middle School TAPA Co-Presidents

Colleen Hernandez '90 P '26, '28

Heidi Barry P '26, '28

Middle School TAPA Vice President

Yemi Talabi-Oates P '26, '29

Middle School TAPA Secretary

Laura Winters P '30

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) Co-Coordinators

Faith Patterson P '26

Sharisse Cail Perry P '24, '24

Volunteer Coordinators

Dasan Harrington P '27

Laura Query P '29

Parent Athletics Council

(PAC) Coordinator

Danielle Shahied P '26, '27

