

## August 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 2021-22 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 in person and are ready to enjoy our time together again. We're excited to once again offer our traditional campus events, guest speakers, and more on site. Should the opportunity arise, we might also provide access to some of these activities in a virtual fashion. One of the many lessons learned from this past year is the value of conferencing technology such as Zoom. It has increased the ways that communities such as Thayer can stay connected.

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

### 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:

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| • ADMISSIONS EVENTS   | • PARENT / GUARDIAN AFFINITY GROUPS              |
| • BOOK CLUB   | • PARENT POTLUCK DINNERS FOR ALL GRADES          |
| • COFFEES WITH MS & US DIRECTORS  | • PRE-PROM EVENT AND PROM TROLLEY TRANSPORTATION |
| • FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS   | • LAST HURRAH (SENIOR CLASS DINNER)              |
| • GENERAL'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT, TENNIS EVENT<br>& COCKTAIL RECEPTION TO BENEFIT FINANCIAL AID | • SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS          |
| • HOMECOMING  | • SENIOR EXPERIENCE DAY                          |
| • HOSPITALITY AT PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS   | • SENIOR FEST                                    |
| • MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS DINNERS   | • SOPHOMORE & JUNIOR PICNIC                      |
| • PARENT ATHLETICS COUNCIL SPIRIT EVENTS  | • VISITING SPEAKERS                              |
|   | • FILM & DOCUMENTARY SCREENINGS                  |

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

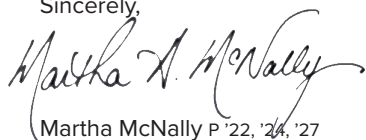
### How can you get involved?

- **Volunteer!** Volunteering to help organize 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.
- **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 virtual social time designed to foster this 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 Thayer! We look forward to seeing you this fall and on campus soon!

Sincerely,



Martha McNally P '22, '24, '27

**TAPA President**

## 2021-22 Save the Dates!



## TAPA 2021-22 Coffees & Meetings



## Parent/Guardian Social & Informational Events



## Thayer 2021-22 Community Events

### ■ School Year Kickoff Coffee:

Presentations by Head of School, Directors, Nurses, Counselors & Athletics Representatives

► **FRI, SEP 10, 2021**

Time: TBA 📍 Virtual (via Zoom)

### ■ Coffees with the Directors

UPPER SCHOOL COFFEES:

Time: 8:30 - 9:15 A.M.

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

► **WED, SEP 29, 2021** 📍 Virtual (via Zoom)

MIDDLE SCHOOL COFFEES:

Time: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

**MS Coffee w/ Galen Hamann**

► **WED, SEP 22, 2021** 📍 TBD

### ■ Parent Independent School Network (PIN)

Meetings open to all Thayer parents

► **OCTOBER 2021** Time: TBA 📍 TBA

### ■ Speakers & Screenings

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

### SOCIAL EVENTS FOR PARENTS!

#### 1 Parent/Guardian Potlucks

Casual get-togethers for each grade which are typically held in parents' homes in the winter and spring. Dates TBD!

#### 2 Class Parent/Guardian Socials

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

► **5th & 6th Grade** Sep 29, 7 p.m.

► **7th Grade** Oct 13, 7 p.m.

► **8th Grade** Oct 19, 7 p.m.

► **9th & 10th Grade** Oct 21, 7 p.m.

► **11th & 12th Grade** Nov 3, 7 p.m.

### ■ Homecoming

► **SEP 25, 2021**

### ■ Founders Day: A Day of Giving

► **MAR 1, 2022**

### ■ Middle School Faculty & Staff Appreciation Lunch

► **TBD**

### ■ "Last Hurrah!" Senior Class Dinner

► **MAY 5, 2022**

### ■ All-School Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon

► **MAY 11, 2022**

### ■ 8th Grade Class Dinner

► **MAY 12, 2022**

### ■ Sophomore Gala

► **MAY 13, 2022**

### ■ 27th Annual General's Open Golf Tournament, Tennis Event & Cocktail Reception

► **MAY 16, 2022**

### ■ Senior Fest

► **JUN 10, 2022**

## 2021-22 TAPA Leadership

Have a question?

Please contact us at [tapa@thayer.org](mailto:tapa@thayer.org)

Volunteer Opportunities available for all events:  
[www.thayer.org/volunteer](http://www.thayer.org/volunteer)

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#### Parent Athletics Council (PAC)

##### Coordinator

Katie Williamson P '24

#### Advisor to the Board (non-voting)

Maureen Hayes P '21, '24

