

August 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 2022-23 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 or hybrid fashion. One of the many lessons learned from these past several years 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. 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 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 MS & US DIRECTORS
- FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS
- GENERAL'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT, TENNIS EVENT & COCKTAIL RECEPTION TO BENEFIT FINANCIAL AID
- HOMECOMING
- MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS DINNERS
- PARENT/GUARDIAN AFFINITY GROUPS
- PARENT ATHLETICS COUNCIL SPIRIT EVENTS
- PRE-PROM EVENT AND PROM TROLLEY TRANSPORTATION
- SENIOR CLASS DINNER (THE LAST HURRAH!)
- SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS
- SENIOR EXPERIENCE DAY
- SENIOR FEST
- SOPHOMORE & JUNIOR PICNIC
- VISITING SPEAKERS
- FILM & DOCUMENTARY SCREENINGS

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 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. [THAYER.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://www.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://www.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!

Sincerely,



Martha McNally P '22, '24, '27
TAPA President

2022-23 Save the Dates!

TAPA 2022-23
Coffees & MeetingsParent/Guardian Social
& Informational EventsThayer 2022-23
Community Events

■ School Year Kickoff Coffee:

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

► FRI, SEP 9, 2022

Time: 8:15 - 9:15 A.M. 📍 CFA Lobby

■ Coffees with the Directors

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MS Coffee w/ Galen Hamann

► WED, SEP 21, 2022 📍 Middle School

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

UPPER SCHOOL

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

► WED, SEP 28, 2022 📍 CFA Lobby

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

■ Parent Independent School
Network (PIN)

Meetings open to all Thayer parents

► OCTOBER 2022

(Check the TNN or TAPA's webpage for
updates closer to the event date)

■ 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

► 5th & 6th Grade Sep 13, 6 p.m.

► 7th & 8th Grade Sep 20, 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 Oct 20, 6 p.m.

► 11th & 12th Grade Oct 13, 6 p.m.

3 TAPA Spring Social

May 24, 2023, 6 p.m.

■ Homecoming

► OCT 15, 2022

■ Founders Day: A Day of Giving

► FEB 7, 2023

■ All-School Faculty & Staff
Appreciation Lunch

► MAY 3, 2023

■ "The Last Hurrah!" Senior Class Dinner

► MAY 4, 2023

■ Sophomore Social

► MAY 10, 2023

■ 8th Grade Class Dinner

► MAY 11, 2023

■ 28th Annual General's Open Golf
Tournament, Tennis Event & Cocktail
Reception

► MAY 15, 2023

■ Senior Fest

► JUN 9, 2023

Have a question?

Please contact us at tapa@thayer.org

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

2022-23 TAPA Leadership

TAPA President

Martha McNally P '22, '24, '27

TAPA Vice President

Caroline Kuhlmann P '25

TAPA Treasurer

Lee Sentnor P '21, '24, '26

TAPA Secretary

Kaitlyn Aiello P '26, '28

Middle School TAPA President

Heidi Barry P '26, '28

Middle School TAPA Vice President

Colleen Hernandez '90 P '26, '28

Middle School TAPA Secretary

JoAnn Brown P '27

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging
(DEIB) Coordinator

Sharisse C. Perry P '24, '24

Middle School DEIB Coordinator

Yemi Talabi Oates P '26, '29

Volunteer Coordinators

Dasan Harrington P '27

Kim Millian P '26

Parent Athletics Council

(PAC) Coordinator

Nicole Arnold P '24, '25

