



When does the school day begin and end?

There is a slightly different school day schedule this year. Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m. Tuesdays begin at 9 a.m. (the late start is to accommodate faculty meetings each week) and end at 3:25 p.m. Wednesdays begin at 8 a.m. and end at 1:40 p.m. (the early dismissal is to accommodate athletic team travel on ISL game days). Students are expected to arrive at school at the first bell (i.e., 8 a.m. on all days except for 9 a.m. on Tuesday) and remain on campus until the final bell. Attendance at all classes, activities, meetings, study halls, and athletic commitments is required. In order to participate in any school function, students must arrive at school within 15 minutes of the first bell (8:15 a.m. on most days; 9:15 a.m. on Tuesdays) and must meet all obligations for the entire school day. Students who are absent from school may not participate in or attend any school function that day.

What's the absence/tardiness/dismissal policy?

Parents or guardians of students who will be absent, tardy, or dismissed early must notify the school by calling the office at **781.843.3580**. Students arriving late or leaving early must present a note of explanation, signed by a parent or guardian, to Mr. Murphy in the Student Commons as soon as they get to school. In emergency situations, parents and guardians may call the office and provide a note the next day. Thayer Academy has three registered nurses on staff, and students should consult them if feeling ill. Parents or guardians will be called if a nurse determines the student should go home. Students should not contact parents or guardians directly to request dismissal from school.

What should students wear?

As always, the purpose of the dress code is to reflect respect for the discipline and seriousness of academic pursuits. Students are expected to be neat, clean, and dressed appropriately for an academic environment. There have been updates for this school year to the official dress code. For complete details, please visit **THAYER.ORG/ DRESSCODE**.

Will Upper School students be able to use their lockers?

Lockers are available for student use. Every Upper School student is assigned a lockable locker in the Student Commons (Grades 9-11) or the Brickyard (Grade 12). In addition, Upper School students have access to athletic lockers in the main athletic locker rooms in Cahall. Students should purchase a lock from the campus store for athletic lockers.

Which students can get parking permits?

Parking permits are distributed at the beginning of the school year to student drivers in the junior and senior classes only. Students who drive to school must complete a Parking Permit Application to be signed by the student and a parent or guardian. Cars that do not display a current Thayer parking permit or that are parked in violation of the rules are subject to towing and/or loss of parking privileges. Please note: Upper School students who are driving their Middle School siblings need to drop off those siblings on Main Campus prior to 7:40 a.m.

How do I know if school is cancelled?

Thayer uses an automated service to contact families in case of a school-wide emergency or closing due to weather. Phone calls, text messages, and emails are sent, and information is posted on the website as well as provided to local TV stations. Please notify Registrar Selene Carlo-Eymer P '14 at **SEYMER@THAYER.ORG** of any changes in contact information.

Where can I find info about buses and public transportation?

The most up-to-date information regarding transportation options can be found at **THAYER.ORG/PARENTS/TRANSPORTATION**.

Can students use their phones?

Phones should be silenced or powered off and stowed in backpacks from the start of the day until school's end.

Where's the dining hall?

For Upper School students, lunch is provided daily in the dining hall of Cahall Campus Center on Main Campus. Lunch is included in tuition, so there is no need for students to have money on hand. Students may not order food delivery from local food establishments or leave campus for lunch during the school day.

Where can I find the most up-to-date information?

Thayer's website is the primary resource for students and families. Please take some time to browse **THAYER.ORG** and the Parents section at **THAYER.ORG/PARENTS**. This is where you will find the student handbook, athletic schedules, links to homework assignments, weekly and monthly activities happening at Thayer, ways to get involved, and more. You will be able to subscribe to the school calendar and various alerts. For assistance logging in to the secure Parent Portal, contact **HELP@THAYER.ORG**.

What is the TNN?

The Tiger News Network (TNN) is a weekly newsletter for Thayer families. Emailed Fridays throughout the school year, the TNN provides up-to-date, need-to-know information with helpful links. It is a must-read for parents and guardians who want to stay current with campus events.

What is the Safe Homes program?

To help Thayer parents and guardians deal with the issues of underage drinking and drug use, the Thayer Academy Parent Association (TAPA) sponsors the Safe Homes program. All Safe Homes families are asked to sign an agreement stating no alcohol or drugs will be used during an event at their home. Please complete the online form at **THAYER.ORG/PARENTS/PORTAL/FORMS**. An electronic directory will be produced and shared with the parent community listing the participating families.