



When should students arrive for school?

On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, school begins at 8 a.m., but students must arrive before the opening bell at 7:55 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m., and students should report to the Forum until the opening bell. On Monday and Thursday, students attend our Middle School Morning Meeting; on Wednesday and Friday, students begin with advisory.

Tuesdays have a late start for students, who should arrive between 8:45 and 8:55 a.m. They begin with their first period class at 9 a.m. and have an extended advisory later in the day. Students arriving early on Tuesdays can attend a study hall from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. in the Forum.

Daily attendance is taken in advisory. Students arriving after 8 a.m. must check in to the Middle School office. The office needs to hear from a parent/guardian via email, phone call, or note to excuse any tardiness.

When are students done with their day?

When classes end, all students report to athletics. All Middle School students are required to participate in a sport for each season. Team sports and recreational sports last until 3:45 p.m.

If your child will be walking home, riding their bike, or walking to the Upper School to meet a sibling or parent/guardian, please send an email to Mrs. Tenney (TTENNEY@THAYER.ORG) stating they have your permission to walk or ride their bike to and from school or to the Upper School.

Parents and guardians picking up students before classes end must visit the Middle School office to sign them out.

Where should I drop off and pick up my child?

Morning drop-off occurs directly in front of the Middle School. Pickup occurs in the bus lane next to the athletic fields. The line will queue along Tremont Street. Please see the maps included in this mailing.

Can my child stay later than 3:45 p.m.? Is there supervision after practices?

Any child not picked up by 4 p.m. must report to study hall. Study hall is supervised by a Middle School faculty member until 4:45 p.m. At that time, the faculty member walks any remaining students to the Student Commons on Main Campus. Supervision in the Student Commons ends at 6 p.m., so students must be picked up by that time. If a student wants to stay to watch a varsity game, a parent/guardian must pick them up to do so or send a note to Mrs. Tenney giving permission for the student to walk to the game alone to meet their parent/guardian.

What's the absence/tardiness/dismissal policy?

If a student will be absent, tardy, or dismissed early, parents/guardians must email Mrs. Tenney (TTENNEY@THAYER.ORG) or call **781.380.0513**. 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 a dismissal from school.

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. Text messages and emails are sent, and information is posted on the website as well as provided to local TV stations. Please notify the Middle School office of any changes in contact numbers.

Where is homework posted?

New daily homework assignments are shared during class and by 4 p.m. on the class page of MySchoolApp. Thayer daily planners are given to all students at the beginning of the school year. Students are encouraged to write their homework in their planners before they leave each class to ensure they capture long-term projects or weekly assignments such as Membean. Parents/guardians can view their children's homework assignments in MySchoolApp as well.

What should Middle School students wear?

Thayer Academy's dress code reflects the belief that how we present ourselves is an important demonstration of our respect for ourselves, each other, and the occasion. Thayer recognizes that clothing is critical to personal comfort and also a meaningful opportunity for self-expression. As such, the dress code is intended to help guide students and parents/guardians in upholding these values. Students, with the help of their parents/guardians, are asked to adhere not only to the letter but also to the spirit of Thayer's dress code.

Middle School students are expected to participate in athletics on an almost daily basis. While sports are in season, students should wear athletic attire to school to be ready for their afternoon activity. The clothing they wear should reflect the needs of that sport, and students should layer their clothing for indoor and outdoor attire. Students can change footwear before practice. When athletics are not occurring, students are expected to be dressed for an academic environment. In addition, on Assembly Dress Days in the Middle School, students are asked to dress more formally for all-school gatherings and celebrations. The first day of school is an Assembly Dress Day.

For complete details, please visit: THAYER.ORG/DRESSCODE.

Where can I find info about buses & public transportation?

The most up-to-date information regarding transportation options can be found at [THAYER.ORG/PARENTS/TRANSPORTATION](https://www.thayer.org/parents/transportation).

Where will Middle School students eat lunch?

Middle School students receive a daily lunch in the Middle School dining hall. Lunch is included in tuition, so there is no need for students to have money on hand.

Will my child have a locker?

Yes, all Middle School students have lockers to store their belongings. Plenty of breaks are built into the day, so students only travel with the books and materials needed for upcoming periods. Backpacks, coats, additional books and materials, and other belongings (including phones) stay in the locker for the duration of the school day. There is also a sports storage room for any large sports equipment.

Can students use their phones?

Phones should be silenced or powered off and stowed in backpacks in lockers from 8 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. If parents/guardians need to get in touch with their children, please send them an email or call the Middle School office. If your child needs to be in touch with you, they may send you an email or use the phone in the office to call you during school hours.

What sports gear will my child need?

Middle School Director of Student Activities and Athletics John Reid and coaches will address team gear by individual sport. While sport-dependent, students generally need a durable sports bag, clothing, shoes, uniforms, and a water bottle each day for practices and games. Please be sure to label all clothing and equipment since many students have the same gear. A link to the lists of required Middle School Sports Attire and Equipment by sport can be found at [THAYER.ORG/PARENTS/ATHLETICS](https://www.thayer.org/parents/athletics) (under “Helpful Links”).

Where can I find team rosters and schedules?

Team rosters and schedules can be found on each individual Team Page. Access Team Pages via the Parents section under “Athletics” ([THAYER.ORG/PARENTS/ATHLETICS](https://www.thayer.org/parents/athletics)) or in the main Athletics section under “Teams, Schedules, and Results.” The website also offers instructions on how to set up athletics text alerts and how to make your team’s schedule appear on your default Calendar app.

What are Activities?

Each term, students participate in an activity (or two) of their choosing. These activities are a chance for students to explore new interests or familiar passions with different age groups. Most activities meet twice per week combined with a study hall twice per week. There are many activities to choose from, such as Drama, Book Clubs, *Evergreen* (MS Yearbook), TATV, 8th Grade Video, Recycling/Garden Club, Positiveteam (service), Tiger Tails, Board Games, Photography, and many more. Students are asked for their top activity choices at the beginning of each term and are then placed in an activity.

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

Thayer’s website is the primary resource for students and families. Please take some time to browse [THAYER.ORG](https://www.thayer.org), especially the Parents section at [THAYER.ORG/PARENTS](https://www.thayer.org/parents). This is where you will find the Student Handbook, athletic schedules, daily announcements, 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 who want to stay current with campus events.