



THORNTON ACADEMY

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

WHY BOARD AT THORNTON ACADEMY?

Residential students at Thornton Academy truly get the **best of both worlds**: the **unparalleled academic and extracurricular offerings** of the most comprehensive school in Maine, and with only 180 students living on campus they receive the **supportive care and attention of a small boarding school**. Our location in Southern Maine provides a safe and quiet community for our students to thrive, while allowing them to easily access vibrant city life in Portland, Boston or New York during their free time.

AT A GLANCE:

- Residential boarding for **grades 6-12**.
- 4 dorms, boys and girls live in separate buildings.
- Two students per room.
- Dorms are locked 24/7 and require key access.
- Housing options provided for three school vacation breaks include: Thanksgiving, Winter Break (February), and Spring Break (April)
- Students from 50+ countries, including the US.
- Student leadership opportunities are available; dorm prefects assist dorm parents and act as an older brother or sister to the students in the hall.
- Dorm parents and academic advisors are experienced and trusted members of our faculty who average 10 years in the dorm.
- Kitchens, study lounges, modern bathrooms with private showers, big screen TVs and Wi-Fi available in all dorms.
- Airport transportation provided.
- An ideal location: steps from local restaurants and the center of town, 15 minutes from Maine's largest city (Portland), 90 minutes by train and bus from Boston, 5 minutes from the beach, 90 minutes from skiing.

“Being at Thornton Academy has made my American experience come true.”

-CLAUDIA BEHRENDT
SPAIN, RESIDENTIAL STUDENT

Weekends at TA

Life for Residential Students on the weekends offers an array of fun activities from shopping to sport to social time! Here are some examples of weekend activities

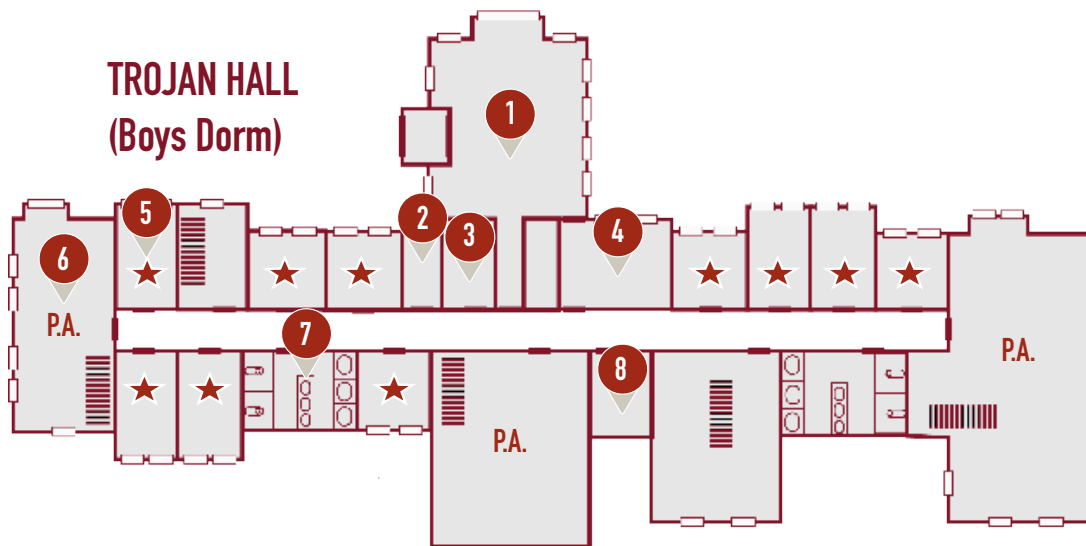
- Ski Trips to Sunday River each weekend during winter and several times during Winter Break
- Beach trips during the warmer months to our sandy beaches on the Atlantic Ocean just 10 minutes drive from campus
- A popular autumn activity in Maine is apple picking! Students can head into a gorgeous local apple orchard to pick their favorites for eating and baking
- Portland has one of the most popular eating scenes in the USA. Students can pick from one of dozens of restaurants in the Old Port for a dinner out
- There are always options to stay on campus and enjoy our football/soccer field with the stadium lights on until late; or in the winter going to an open gym session for exercise and fun
- Enjoy relaxing socials that sometimes include playing bingo, trivia, or knitting!

Homestay Options

In addition to the 160 dorm spaces, Thornton Academy also has 15 openings for Homestay students. Thornton's Homestay Coordinator matches students with a local family who will host them for the school year. Homestay students have access to many of the activities offered to the dorm students, but spend the year immersed with a local American family for their abroad experience.



TROJAN HALL (Boys Dorm)



1 - LOUNGE



3 - KITCHEN



5 - STUDENT DORM ROOM



8 - LAUNDRY ROOM

KEY

- 1 **LOUNGE:** Dorm lounges are a common area for watching TV, playing video games, accessing printers for homework, and more.
- 2 **NURSE'S OFFICE:** The dorms have a dedicated nurse.
- 3 **KITCHEN:** While every meal is provided, dorms are equipped with kitchens for students to develop life skills and independence.
- 4 **RESIDENTIAL LIFE OFFICE:** With offices inside the dorms, students can access assistance whenever needed.
- 5 **STUDENT DORM ROOM:** Individual rooms are marked with a ★. Thornton Academy has four dorm buildings in total, with boys and girls living separately.
- 6 **DORM PARENT APARTMENTS (P.A.):** Each dorm houses four dorm families. Dorm parents are trusted and experienced teachers and staff who average ten years in the dorm.
- 7 **BATHROOM:** One of two bathroom facilities on this floor. Bathrooms are professionally cleaned daily.
- 8 **LAUNDRY ROOM:** Students develop independence in many small ways around the dorm. Everything is provided free-of-charge for students to do their own laundry.