



When does the school day begin and end?

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the school day will begin at 8 a.m.; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the school day will begin at 8:50 a.m. On Tuesdays, teachers will offer extra help and/or club and affinity group time from 8 to 8:45 a.m.; on Thursdays, teachers will have faculty meetings from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, the school day will end at 3:30 p.m.; on Wednesdays, at 1:30 p.m.; and on Fridays, at 3:20 p.m.

Buses will run on a schedule to arrive for an 8 a.m. start on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The buses will run a bit later on Thursdays to arrive at Thayer for the 8:50 a.m. start.

Students are expected to arrive at school by the first bell (8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 8:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays) and remain on campus until the final bell. Attendance in all classes, activities, meetings, study halls, and athletic commitments is required. In order to participate in any after-school activity or function, students must arrive at school within 15 minutes of the first bell (8:15 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 9:05 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays) and must meet all obligations for the entire school day unless cleared by Ms. Gately or Ms. Pena ahead of time or a doctor's note is provided to Mr. Murphy when signing in. Students who are late to or absent from school may not participate in or attend any after-school activity or function that day.

What's the absence/tardy/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 provide an explanation from a parent or guardian to Mr. Murphy and sign in or out in the Student Commons. Thayer Academy has two 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.

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 dressed appropriately for an academic environment. For complete details, please visit **THAYER.ORG/DRESSCODE**.

Will Upper School students be able to use their lockers?

Lockers are available for student use in either the Student Commons or the Brickyard. In addition, Upper School students have access to athletic lockers in the main athletic locker rooms in Cahall. We strongly recommend that students use a lock for their athletic locker to secure their items while at practice or games. Students should purchase a lock 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 an online 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. Students may not

be in the parking lots or leave campus during the school day unless they have been officially dismissed for an appointment through Mr. Murphy.

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. Families will be invited to opt in to the text alerts in the fall. Please notify Registrar Selene Carlo-Eymer '14 at **SEYMER@THAYER.ORG** with any changes in contact information during the school year.

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**.

Can students use their phones?

In line with our commitment to student engagement, well-being, and community, students are not allowed to access their cell phones during the school day. Students are expected to lock their phones in their YONDR pouch at the beginning of the day and may not unlock them until the academic day ends.

Where's the dining hall?

For Upper School students, lunch is provided daily in the dining hall of Cahall Campus Center. 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**. Here you will find resources like the Student Handbook, calendars and schedules, general athletics information, form links, activities happening at Thayer, and ways to get involved. For assistance logging in to the secure Parent Portal, contact **HELP@THAYER.ORG**.

Student-specific information about academics, athletics participation, health records (Magnus), and billing (Tuition Management) may be found in the MySchoolApp (**THAYER.MYSCHOOLAPP.COM**).

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.