Senior Year 2026-2027

August 2026

Ongoing:
- √ Research colleges on your list and keep Scoir updated regarding preferences.
- √ Visit college campuses if possible.
- √ Edit your college essay after your counselor sends feedback.
- √ Work on the Common Application and supplemental essays when the new version launches on August 1.
- √ Register for Sept, Oct, Nov, or Dec standardized tests (SAT or ACT).
- √ Complete the Senior Questionnaire assignment in Scoir for your college counselor.

August 1 — Common Application launches for this application cycle (commonapp.org)

August 3 — Draft #2 of your college essay due to your college counselor today

August 7 — Registration deadline for August SAT

August 14 — Registration deadline for September ACT

August 22 — SAT Test Day

August 28 — Registration deadline for September SAT

September 2026

Ongoing:
- √ Meet with college counselor.
- √ Move towards finalizing college list; organize your application deadlines.
- √ In Scoir, move colleges to the "Applying" column.
- √ Work on college applications.
- √ Register for Oct, Nov, or Dec. standardized tests (SAT, ACT).
- √ Take SAT or ACT if registered.
- √ Attend college representative visits at Thayer (register in advance in Scoir).
- √ Complete the Senior Questionnaire assignment in Scoir for your college counselor.
- √ Arrange for Parent/Guardian Questionnaire to be completed (access via a link).
- √ Ask teachers in person to write letters of recommendation. Add them to your Scoir account and provide them with any necessary paperwork.

September 9 — First day of classes

Scoir teacher recommendation request portal open

September 10 — Individual Senior Meetings begin (sign up via counselor's calendar link)

September 11 — Registration deadline for October ACT

September 12 — SAT Test Day

September 17 — College Counseling meeting for Grade 12 parents/guardians (Thompson Hall)

September 18 — Registration deadline for October SAT

September 19 — ACT Test Day

September 21 — Yom Kippur is observed (No School). Consider visiting a college campus.

September 22 — Choice to pursue Early Action/Early Decision/Priority is due to College Counselor

Common Application account update & FERPA agreement due

Requests due for teacher recommendations if applying EA/ED/Priority

Zoom Presentation (7pm): "Applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships for Seniors

September 25 — Senior Questionnaire due (In Scoir Assignments)

Update due for Student Activities and Achievements in Scoir (under My Profile)



October 2026

Ongoing:
- √ Work on college applications. Submit to any colleges with mid-October deadlines.
- √ In Scoir, move colleges to the "Applying" column.
- √ Make sure teacher recommendation writers have been asked and added to your Scoir account. Give them any paperwork they require.
- √ Take SAT or ACT tests if registered.
- √ Register for Nov and/or Dec standardized tests (SAT or ACT).
- √ Send SAT/ACT score reports via testing company to colleges requiring them.
- √ Attend college representative visits at Thayer. Register in advance on Scoir.
- √ Complete Senior Questionnaire assignment in Scoir for your college counselor.
- √ Arrange for Parent/Guardian Questionnaire to be completed (access via link).

October 1 — CSS Profile & FAFSA available on this day. Open accounts & research deadlines

October 2 — EA/ED/Priority essays due to College Counselor
Add EA/ED/Priority College list to the "Applying to" column on Scoir

October 3 — SAT Test Day

October 12 — Indigenous Peoples' Day (no school). Consider visiting a college campus.

October 14 — College process day for seniors. Visit a college campus or work on applications at home or at the Application Workshop in the Brickyard (10:30-1:30).

October 16 — All Teacher Recs are due to College Counselors for EA/ED/Priority apps
Any additional forms for institutional apps should be turned into counselors

October 17 — ACT Exam Day

October 23 — Registration deadline for November SAT

November 2026

Ongoing:
- √ Submit Early Decision/Early Action applications.
- √ Take SAT if registered.
- √ Send SAT/ACT score reports via testing company to colleges requiring them.
- √ Attend college representative visits at Thayer. Register in advance on Scoir.
- √ Ask teachers in person to write letters of recommendation for Regular Decision schools. Give teachers any necessary paperwork. Make sure to add them to Scoir.
- √ In Scoir, move colleges over to the "Applying" column.
- √ Complete Senior Questionnaire assignment in Scoir for your college counselor.
- √ Arrange for Parent/Guardian Questionnaire to be completed (access via link).

November 6 — Registration deadline for December ACT

November 7 — SAT Test Day

November 11 — Veterans Day Holiday observed. Consider visiting a college campus.

November 13 — No School (US Zoom Conferences). Consider visiting a college campus

November 20 — Registration deadline for December SAT

December 2026

Ongoing:
- √ Decisions arrive for Early Decision and some Early Action applicants.
- √ Take SAT or ACT if registered.
- √ Complete all applications and submit.
- √ Make sure teacher recommendation writers have been asked and added to your Scoir

account. Give them any paperwork they require.
√In Scoir, move Regular Decision colleges to the "Applying" column. **For deadlines Winter Recess, colleges must be in place by December 4.**
√ Organize all financial aid application details.
√ Send SAT/ACT score reports via testing company to colleges requiring them.

December 4 — Add Regular Decision college list to the "Applying to" column on Scoir
Any additional forms for institutional apps should be turned into counselors
December 5 — SAT Test Day
December 12 — ACT Testing Date
December 14 — All Teacher Recs are due to College Counselors for Regular Decision applications

January 2027

Ongoing:
√ Submit remaining applications.
√ In Scoir, move colleges on your final list over to the "Applying" column
√ Send SAT/ACT score reports to any remaining colleges requiring them.
√ Respond to an Early Decision acceptance if applicable.
√ Contact colleges (via internet or phone) to make sure your applications are complete and that online applications have been received.
√ Financial Aid documents (FAFSA/CSS Profile) are due to many colleges this month.

January 18 — MLK, Jr. Day (no school). Consider visiting a college campus.
January 19 — Faculty Workday (no school). Consider visiting a college campus.

February / March 2027

Ongoing:
√ Provide additional information to colleges as requested.
√ Receive admission decisions and communicate them to your college counselor.
√ Financial Aid documents (FAFSA/CSS Profile) are due to many colleges this month. Confirm financial aid files are complete.
√ Wait patiently and research/think about options.
√ Visit colleges as necessary.

February 2 — Zoom Presentation (7pm): "Loans and Borrowing for Your College Investment"
February 15 — President's Day (no school). Consider visiting a college campus.
March 15-26 — Spring Recess. Visit colleges if necessary.
March 31 — Zoom Presentation (7pm): ""Comparing Offers and Considering Appeals"

April 2027

Ongoing:
√ Receive admission decisions and communicate with your college counselor.
√ Think through options.
√ Visit colleges if necessary.
√ Make final decision.

April 19 — Patriots Day Holiday. Consider visiting a college campus.

May 2027

May 1 — Enrollment deposit due at your college.

June 2027

June 12 — Thayer Academy Commencement. Congratulations!



Notes:
1. ***Many of the dates above represent the deadline (last possible date). Plan ahead and act early!***
2. ***It is the responsibility of the student to understand the test requirements of the colleges to which they are applying.***
3. ***Thayer is not a testing site for the SAT or ACT.***

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Helpful Websites:

Scoir	www.Scoir.com
Common Application	www.commonapp.org
Test-Optional College List	www.fairtest.org
The College Board	www.collegeboard.org
College Money Method	www.collegemoneymethod.com/thayer Password: tacmm

If you are applying to schools that still require standardized testing, please visit the following sites to register:

SAT:	www.collegeboard.org
ACT:	www.act.org

For fee waivers, please contact college counseling for eligibility.