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STUDENT HANDBOOK 2007-2008

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Time	Day 1	Day 2	LION DAY
8:15 – 9:30	A	B	A: 8:15 - 9:15
9:35 – 10:55	B	A	B- 9:20 - 10:20
10:55 – 11:35	LUNCH	LUNCH	X- 10:25 - 11:30
11:40 – 1:00	C	D	C- 12:15 - 1:15
1:05 – 2:19	D	C	D- 1:20 - 2:19

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to Yale... if you are new here. Welcome back... if you are a returning Yale student! We hope that the 07/08 school year is your best one so far.

You will get out of school what you put into it. There are many opportunities to get involved at Yale – whether you are an Academic student, an Athlete or an aspiring Artist. Many students come here wanting to make the world a better place and so they join Leadership, the Key Club or the Interact Club. No matter who you are or where your interests lay, there is a place for you to get involved at Yale.

We hope that you have a great year... and work with your teachers... to continue and enhance our reputation as the best school in Abbotsford.

Best wishes.

Mr. Roger

MISSION STATEMENT

“We work together developing responsible citizens, dedicated to lifelong learning.”

GOALS FOR 2007-2008

To improve students’ literacy skills.
To promote social responsibility in the form of healthy choices.

YALE ACADEMICS _____

THE GRADUATION PROGRAM - CREDITS AND EXAMINATIONS

Grades 10 to 12 - 80 credits are required for graduation (equivalent to 20 four credit courses)

48 credits are Required Courses, including:

- Language Arts *10, 11 & **12 (4 credits each)
- Social Studies 10 (4 credits)
- *Social Studies 11 or *BC First Nations Studies 12 (4 credits)
- *Science 10 (4 credits)
- Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- *Mathematics 10 or *Essentials 10 (4 credits each)
- Mathematics 11 or 11 Essentials or 12 (4 credits)
- Physical Education 10 (4 credits)
- Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- Planning 10 (4 credits)
- 4 credits for Graduation Transition Standards

28 credits are Elective Courses

*course with a required provincial exam worth 20%

**course with a required provincial exam worth 40%

(Minimum of 16 credits at the Grade 12 level including Language Arts 12. All Ministry-authorized and Board/Authority-Authorized courses count.)

Detailed information can be found on the Ministry of Education website:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/grad2004.htm>

GRADUATION TRANSITION

Beginning with the grad class of 2008, students are required to complete the Graduation Transition requirements in order to graduate. This has evolved out of the Graduation Portfolio.

There are 3 parts to the Transitions:

Personal Health

-engage in 80 hours of physical activity
-develop a healthy living plan

Community Connections

-participate in 30 hours of work experience or volunteer work
-describe the experience

Career & Life

-develop a plan that takes you from school to the world outside – this includes looking at career options, skills needed, paths to take and financial planning

Students in grade 12 who have requested a study block, will use their study for the beginning of the semester to complete the Transitions requirements. Once their Transitions work is complete these blocks will become their regular study. The Transitions teacher will meet with each student as they complete their work and will do the evaluation at that time. There is no grade associated with the Transitions requirement, but will appear on the transcript as RM (requirement met).

COURSE WITHDRAWAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Course withdrawal must be done in consultation with counsellor and teacher. See your counsellor for information.
2. Semester one courses must be dropped no later than the last school day in December.
3. Semester two courses must be dropped no later than the last school day in May.
4. Year long courses must be dropped no later than the end of the week that 3rd term report cards are issued.
5. Students in grades 9-11 will receive a grade of "F" for a dropped course.

STUDY POLICY

Yale Secondary offers a rich variety of courses and believes that students should take advantage of the opportunity for a full education. In-school study blocks are a privilege reserved for senior students who have ample credits and challenging course loads.

Grade 12 students

Grade 12 students who will have compiled 84 credits by the end of their grade 12 year are entitled to one study. A student who will have compiled 88 credits or more may have a second study block. If a student does not make good use of their study time, this second study may be rescinded. Normally no grade 12 student may have more than 2 studies.

Grade 11 students

Normally Grade 11 students must be actively involved in eight courses at Yale. Students who have an extended day course may have a study during the regular timetable. However, a study block may be granted if a student meets one of the following criteria.

- Any student who maintains three Honours courses in grade 11 is eligible for a study block.
- Any student taking a Distributed Learning course not available at Yale Secondary is eligible for a study block during which the student is expected to complete the DL course.

Students with studies will be monitored to see if they are making appropriate use of the study time. Studies may be rescinded after re-evaluation.

A grade 11 student can have a maximum of one study.

Grade 9 & 10 students

There are no studies for grade 9 and 10 students.

Exceptions and special circumstances

***Any appeals to this policy will be referred to an administrator.

GRADE BUMPING IN HONOURS AND AP ATTACHED COURSES

1. All honours courses in Grade 8, 9, 10, and 11 will be bumped 5% for each term and 5% for the final exam if it's an Honours Exam.
2. Regular courses taught in conjunction with AP courses will be bumped 5% each term. For example Bi 12 AP/Bi 12 could be Bi 12 AP 86%/Bi 12 91%.

GRADE 10, 11, AND 12 PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Provincial exams are written in November, January, April, and June. Schedules for these exams can be found in the following places:

Ministry Website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams

School Website: www.yalesecondary.com

Calendar pages of this agenda book.

There is an expectation that Yale students will have completed the course requirements prior to writing a provincial exam. This is to ensure that each student is adequately prepared for the examination.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Advanced Placement (AP) exams are written in May. Please refer to the calendar pages of this agenda or the school website: www.yalesecondary.com for a complete schedule.

HONOUR ROLL

Yale Secondary recognizes students who show excellence in their studies through the honour roll. Each term students who are on the honour roll receive a letter from the principal. If they are on the honour roll for all 4 terms of the school year, they go on the year honour roll and receive an award. Students new to Yale can provide evidence to the administration regarding previous honour roll status and be eligible for the same cumulative awards as returning Yale students. To be eligible for the honour roll students must be enrolled in at least 3 courses per semester.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Awards presentations honour those students who achieved excellence during the school year. Presentations are held in June. Awards are designed to inspire, encourage and reward desirable achievement, behaviour, activities and attitudes on the part of students. Awards are presented for outstanding achievement, citizenship, honour roll, and service.

PASSPORT TO EDUCATION PROGRAM

In order to be eligible for a Passport to Education Award, a student:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant)
- Must be enrolled in Yale Secondary as the home school

GRADE 10

To qualify for a Passport to Education stamp in grade 10, a student:

- Must take a minimum of 8 courses (including Provincially Authorized, Board Authorized and Distributed Learning (DL) courses. This does not include non-credit courses)
- Must have no suspensions of Level II or higher.
- Must have no failing marks in any subject.

The Passport to Education ranking will be calculated on:

- A Language Arts course and 7 other courses taken in the year (September – June) either at Yale or through DL centers. Courses must be completed by June 30 of school year.

GRADE 11

To qualify for a Passport to Education stamp in grade 10, a student:

- Must take a minimum of 7 courses (including Provincially Authorized, Board Authorized and Distributed Learning (DL) courses. This does not include non-credit courses)
- Must have no suspensions of Level II or higher
- Must have no failing marks in any subject.

The Passport to Education ranking will be calculated on:

- A Language Arts course and 6 other courses taken in that year (September – June) either at Yale or through DL centers. Courses must be completed by June 30 of school year.

GRADE 12

To qualify for a Passport to Education stamp in grade 12, a student:

- Must take a minimum of 6 courses (including Provincially Authorized, Board Authorized and Distributed Learning (DL) courses. This does not include non-credit courses. Advanced Placement Program students see note below)
- Must have no suspensions of Level II or higher.
- Must have no failing marks in any subject.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

1. For the purposes of calculations for the Passport to Education, the following Advanced Placement courses qualify as 2 courses.

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP English
- AP Calculus

2. These courses are reported to the Ministry as follows:

- AP course x%
- 'regular' course x+5%

Example

- APBIO 12 89%
- Bi 12 94%
- The mark that appears on the report card is the 'regular' course mark.
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3. AP Tutorial will not be used in calculations for Passport to Education.

YALE GRADUATION

GRADUATION 2008

The school ensures that a range of courses needed for graduation is available and that ministry forms, etc. are completed and various school requirements (examinations, etc.) are met. Students are responsible for taking the required number and variety of courses. If you have questions regarding your courses consult your counselor before September 15th.

GRAD COUNCIL 2007/2008

Grad Council is in charge of all the activities for the class of 2008. As the leaders of the graduating class, they determine ways to involve all grads in preparing for a most important moment in their school career, graduation! The fee for grad 2008 is \$200.00

GRADUATION CEREMONY ELIGIBILITY

Students may participate in the graduation ceremonies only if they are taking a course of studies that satisfies the provincial graduation requirements. A student may participate in the ceremonies and other activities only once.

VALEDICTORIAN

A Valedictorian is a representative of a graduating class who speaks on behalf of the graduates at the commencement exercises. This honour is bestowed on an outstanding representative of the graduating class who has a 4.0 GPA and has made significant contributions to the school. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of staff members who will provide a short list of candidates to the Grade 12 students. Grads will then vote for their valedictorian.

GRAD EVENTS 2008

Commencement Rehearsal...May 21, 3:30 pm @ Seven Oaks Alliance

Commencement... May 23, 7:30 @ Seven Oaks Alliance

Grad Tea...May 23, following commencement @ Seven Oaks Alliance

*Dry Grad...May 23, following tea @ MRC

*Grad Breakfast & Auction...May 24, 5:00 am @ Yale

*Grand March...June 14, 4:00 pm @ Yale

*Prom...June 14, depart at 5:00 pm for Vancouver Convention Centre

***Grade 12 students who choose, in their final year, to attend school or a school event (school dance, field trip, etc) having consumed drugs or alcohol will not be allowed to take part in these events. We expect our grad class to be leaders in the school and set a good example by making positive choices.**

YALE RESOURCES

THE COUNSELLING CENTRE

The school counselling centre, located in the East Wing, offers a complete range of counselling services to the students of the school. These services include course planning, career information, post-secondary school requirements, financial assistance, local bursary and scholarship information and personal counseling. Student files are assigned alphabetically by school to the counsellors, but the students themselves are free to talk to any counsellor they choose. The staff counselling assignments are:

Ms. L. Watson	A-G
Miss C. Baldwin	H-N
Mr. S. Brigden	O-Z

LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCES

The school library is the centre for an incredible amount of learning. Open before school, all day and after school, our library is the hub of the most important student activities in our school: reading, thinking and writing! A variety of resources including multi visual media, computers and books are available to students. Students may borrow materials throughout the year but all library books must be returned by May 30.

The Yale Library Website is a dynamic website that offers students, teachers, and parents a variety of useful content. Of particular interest is the locally hosted interactive discussion board, the library catalogue search function, the Accelerated Reader book lists, and the assignment links with downloadable assignments. Please visit us on the web at: <http://www.yalesecondarylibrary.com>

INTERNET AND WORLD WIDE WEB

Access to Internet is available to students from our library and computer science lab. All students who wish to have access must complete a services agreement designed by the School District. Once completed, a copy of the contract will be kept on file. The district has identified very specific terms and conditions of use that must be strictly adhered to by all students accessing Internet and World Wide Web from the school. Please contact the school office if you would like clarification or more information.

YALE WEBSITE

The Yale website is divided into four sections to target the various users of the website: students, parents, international visitors and teachers. In the Student section of the website, students will find links to the Daily Bulletin, Grad Info, Scholarships, Extra-curricular Activities, Counseling Services and Online Marks to mention only a few. In the Parent section, in addition to some of the links already mentioned, parents will find links to PAC, Student Services, 2007/08 School Calendar and the Yale Mail in their section. All visitors to the website will also find quick and easy access to every Yale staff member via the 'Contact Teacher' link. Additionally, the link to the Yale Library gives a wealth of information like test banks, course assignments and educational resources.

So, check out the site at www.yalesecondary.com and find out what's happening at our school.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are provided to all students. Many of these books now cost in excess of \$60.00 each. Students are asked to afford their books the care and attention they deserve. Kindly write the coded number given to you by each subject teacher on the inside cover of the book when it is issued to you. Students will be assessed school costs for any textbooks unduly damaged or lost during the school year. In the event they pay for the text and then find it, there will be a \$5.00 per book handling fee to a maximum of \$10.00 per student.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

For the last 32 years Yale has proudly presented a yearbook for sale to the student body. Prices are cheaper in the fall so if possible buy your yearbook in October. As well as providing a photographic retrospective, the yearbook is a memento for everyone who goes to Yale. Get your yearbook early! [Holdback policy](#): Students will receive their yearbooks in June when all texts are returned and fees have been paid.

STUDENT PHOTOS AND I.D. CARDS

School photos, used for the yearbook and to provide students with their Student Identification card, are taken at no charge in September. ID cards are used to sign out library books, take *Accelerated Reader* quizzes, and buy dance tickets. Retakes are done in October. Families may choose to purchase various packages of school photos. Costs and dates will be made available in September.

LOCKERS

Student lockers and combination locks are provided by the school. These lockers are rented to the students for their use during the school year. Students are asked to refrain from decorating or defacing lockers in such a manner that they cannot easily be converted to their original state. Students are also asked to keep their lockers tidy and well organized throughout the year. Locks and lockers are paid for by student activity fees. Lockers are secure if and only if students refrain from sharing their lock combinations with friends. Students are to stay in the locker assigned to them. Students should be aware that lockers may be searched in the event that school safety is at issue. Please see the district policies (11.100, 11.110) for more information.

STUDENT TELEPHONE

A telephone (funded by the student leadership) is available for student use (No calls during class time). Long distance calls/information are not available on this phone. Students are asked to keep calls to a minimum length.

INSURANCE

The school encourages all students to take advantage of the Student Accident Insurance Policy Plan offered by Seaboard Life Insurance Company. Application forms for this coverage are distributed by homeroom teachers

during the first week of school. The completed application forms can be mailed directly to the plan administrator in the envelopes provided.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The school has access to the Public Health nurse. Any student who would like to discuss a personal health problem with a nurse can make an appointment through his/her counsellor or the main office.

FIRST AID

If an accident occurs, please report it to the office. First aid assistance will be provided if necessary and every effort will be made to rectify the circumstances that led to the accident. The school is required to submit a report to the District Office on every accident in the school or at a school sponsored activity.

YALE ACTIVITIES

TRIPS AND TRAVEL

Field trips and the associated travel of sports teams and music groups add an exciting dimension to school experiences at Yale. All students who participate in such excursions must submit a parent endorsed permission form before the travel occurs. The sponsoring teachers will make these forms available before the travel date. Where school-sponsored travel removes students from scheduled classes, the students are requested to obtain permission from the teachers whose classes will be missed. Please remember that whenever you travel with the school, you are a school ambassador. Represent us well!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2007-08

The 2007-08 year will see a calendar full of fun, colourful, wacky, and exciting spirit events. Junior and Senior Leaders are working hard to plan and organize our weekly Twisted Thursday events, Welcome Week, Fall and Spring Spirit Weeks, and, a tradition at Yale, Canada Day in May. Not only will there be three dances for your enjoyment, back by popular demand, two pep rallies. Lion Pride also sponsors and organizes charity and fundraising events as ways to give back to our community at home and abroad. There are many ways you can get involved and make a difference in small and big ways. Look for the Food Drive in December that supports our local Food Bank and the 30hr famine in the spring, which supports World Vision, to help those in need. The 150 students of Lion Pride are under the guidance of this year's Lion Pride Executive:

Kate Boone	Farrah Finnigan	Danielle Ghag
Kelly Howard	Emily Jurgens	Davis Lawrie
Robyn McKinley	Megan White	Georgia Wiebe
Arnold Yu		

The events are as good and as fun as YOU make them – so dress up, have fun, participate, get involved. Make your four years at Yale memorable! Check

your calendar, located in this agenda, for a full list of events, or listen to the announcements for more details.

ATHLETICS

BC School Sports

Fall

Swimming & Diving
Volleyball
Soccer
Cross Country

Winter

Wrestling
Basketball
Curling

Spring

Rugby
Track & Field
Golf

Other sports

Water Polo

CLUBS & GROUPS

Minor officials club
Anime club
Art club
Improv group
International Club
Grad Council
Interact (Youth Rotary)
Guitar Club

Red & Blue Club
Travel club
Library club
Chess club
Debate club
Bible Study group
Key club (Youth Kiwanis)
Ultimate

YALE STUDENT CONDUCT

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I have the right to learn in this class.

It is my responsibility to attend all classes and work cooperatively in class.

It is my responsibility to come to class prepared (text book, notebook, pen, pencil, ruler, etc.).

It is my responsibility to ask questions when I do not understand.

It is my responsibility to hand in homework on time.

I have the right to hear and be heard.

It is my responsibility to listen while others are speaking.

I have the right to be respected in this class.

It is my responsibility not to harass or discriminate against others in the class.

I have the right to free thought in this class.

It is my responsibility to make use of my thinking abilities

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Students must attend regularly and remain in class for the full time assigned.
2. Parents should telephone the school if a student is going to be absent or late.

3. Students must be free from the influence or possession of drugs or alcohol and not enable others to use/possess/purchase drugs or alcohol.
4. Students must not fight or bully nor enable fighting or bullying by attending such activities or by encouraging others to fight or bully.
5. Students should participate fully in school life and do their best work in all classes.
6. Students must not cheat or plagiarize. Please see policy.
7. Students must follow Yale dress code regulations. Please see policy.
8. Students must respect the physical properties of the school by :
 - not writing or marking on desks, walls, etc.
 - reporting damage that does occur
9. Students should respect the rights of others as follows:
 - respect other people and their property
 - refuse to lie, cheat or steal nor tolerate those who do
10. Students should not loiter or create a problem at Yale, other schools or any neighboring properties or businesses.
11. Students must not wear head coverings of any kind. Hats, caps, and head kerchiefs are not to be worn in the school. The principal will approve any religious or health exceptions to this rule.
12. Students should accept the consequences of misbehaviour. There is a process for review and appeal.

According to the School Act and District policy, students must conform to school rules when:

- a) at school
- b) on the way to and from school
- c) in transit to and from school and while attending any school function
- d) on the premises or school grounds of any school in the district
- e) on field trips

STUDENT MESSAGES

The office staff will take messages for students from parents/guardians only. We do not page students during school hours but will call them down at lunchtime or after school. Emergencies are handled on an individual basis. We do not take messages from friends, employers, etc. Please make arrangements with these people before or after school hours.

VEHICLE PARKING/PARKING LOT SAFETY

Student parking has moved to the front parking lot during the construction of the ARC expansion. Students are reminded to use only parking spaces that are numbered, and to drive carefully in and out of the lot. Vehicles parked in a visitor's space, a handicap space, or across parking lines, will be towed. Students will be required to register their vehicle with the school and display a parking pass in their vehicle. Space is limited and those vehicles that belong to non-students will be towed. Overflow parking is at the curling rink.

Drivers who display bad driving habits (excessive speed, spinning tires, careless driving) will face a series of escalating consequences.

Stage 1: Written warning

Stage 2: 1 week ban from the parking lot (must park at curling rink)

Stage 3: 1 month ban from the parking lot (must park at curling rink)

Stage 4: Ban from the parking lot for the balance of the year.

(At any point in this progression, the school liaison officer may be contacted to meet with the offending driver)

FIRE ALARM

The school is equipped with a sophisticated fire alarm system. Pull stations are strategically located throughout the building. All of the major corridors and all of the specialty rooms also contain fire extinguishers. Familiarize yourself with the exit procedures for each of your instructional areas. If the alarm sounds, follow the explicit instructions of your teacher. Do not re-enter the school until you are advised to do so. REMEMBER to treat all fire alarms as a fire and evacuate the building.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Yale is a closed campus. Only Yale students are allowed on school property. All other people must report to the office as soon as they come onto the school grounds. This is in effect during all school hours, including after school.

If any student wishes to invite a guest from another school to spend the day at Yale, it is necessary to seek prior approval from all teachers concerned as well as a school administrator. If you notice strangers in the school, please advise a teacher or administrator.

PROTECTION FROM LOSS

While we are proud of our students for their honesty and integrity, there are a few dishonest people who may take advantage. Students need to protect themselves from loss of personal property by:

-not sharing your locker combination,

-not bringing valuables or cash to school,

-using a lock and locker in the P.E. change rooms.

Please report thefts to the office promptly. The school does not replace lost or stolen property but every effort will be made to help recover possessions. Report any information to one of the vice-principals if a theft is witnessed.

ATTENDANCE

Regular, punctual attendance is required at Yale Secondary School. Teachers will outline their individual expectations in terms of excused absenteeism but students are generally expected to obtain all assignments given and complete all outstanding work. Parents are encouraged to call the school or send a note with the student no more than 48 hours after the absence.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

An unexcused absence or 5 lates will result in Saturday School that runs approximately two Saturdays a month from 8:00 am to 10:30 am. Unexcused

absences include: skipping, leaving class without permission, leaving school without signing out, sleeping in, missing the bus, missing one class to work on homework from another, or arriving more than 30 minutes after a class has started. Teachers will attempt to phone the homes of absent students. A pattern of non-attendance will result in a series of escalating consequences up to and including withdrawal from Yale.

THE RULE OF 10

A student who has been absent for 10 classes in any of their courses will be required to attend a meeting with their parents and the administration. In order for the student to remain in that course, they will have to sign a contract of reinstatement outlining a plan to make up missed time, work, and to commit to perfect attendance for the balance of the course. Failure to meet the conditions of the contract will result in the student being removed from the class and alternative educational options will be explored. Parents will receive a letter of warning from their vice principal when 5 absences have been recorded in a class.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

Students who arrive after 8:15 are “late” and should go straight to class unless they have a note from a parent. Teachers will record the late and refer the student to the administration for a Saturday School when 5 lates have been recorded. A late student with a note or accompanied by a parent will sign in at the office. Students arriving more than 30 minutes after the start of a class will be marked absent.

All appointments (doctor, dentist, orthodontist, driving lessons, etc.) should be made outside of school hours. If students are leaving the school for any reason, they must sign out at the office. To do this, they need a note/phone call from their parent/guardian.

BECOMING ILL AT SCHOOL

Students who become ill during the school day are to check in at the office. If a parent/guardian can be contacted, the student will be permitted to go home with parental permission. Otherwise, the student must remain at school. We have a sick room available for student use.

Please note: the school is not permitted to administer medication to students without the written authorization of the family physician.

ABSENCES AND SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

Students who are away from school will not participate in school functions (dances, ski trips, etc.) during the days they are absent. For example, if you are away on a Thursday, you will not be allowed to attend a dance on Thursday night.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to wear clothing appropriate to the school setting. Clothing is to be free of inappropriate language, references or symbols and may not advertise drugs or alcohol. Specifically prohibited are bare midriffs, tops

without straps and low necklines. Underwear must be covered by regular clothing. Inappropriately revealing clothing is not acceptable. Students who come to school dressed in violation of the school dress code will be asked to “cover up” by either the classroom teacher or one of the administrators or counsellors. Repeated violations will result in disciplinary action that may include in-school suspension.

CHEATING/PLAGIARISM POLICY

Any student found cheating/plagiarizing will be dealt with according to the following disciplinary steps:

First Offence: Zero on work involved; parent/guardian notified; student’s name recorded in Yale’s database; all staff notified of the offence.

Second Offence: As above, plus administrative detentions assigned; letter sent home; request for Letters of Reference by student - at teacher’s discretion.

Third Offence: As above, plus administrative discipline

CELLULAR TELEPHONE POLICY

Students at Yale Secondary School are not permitted to use cellular telephones in the school during school hours. Devices may be removed from students if it comes to the attention of staff. In an emergency situation where parents/guardians need to contact their student, please call the school and we will pass on a message immediately. (604-853-0778)

MP3 PLAYERS & OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices such as MP3 players or cell phones w/ mp3 players may not be used during class time. Individual teachers may choose to allow students to listen to music during class time and will outline the details of their classroom policy at the beginning of the semester. Students caught listening to these devices without the permission of their teacher may have the device confiscated.

SKATEBOARDING

Skateboarding is not a crime, unless it is done on school property. Please, refrain from boarding on campus, including the parking lot. The city has provided the skate park for you to enjoy at lunch or after school. Skateboards used on school property or inside the school, may be confiscated.

SMOKING

We encourage all our students to make healthy choices and refrain from smoking. However, if you find it necessary to smoke, you may do so only at the covered area on the NW corner of the ARC.

HALL PASS

Your student agenda is your hall pass. It must be signed by your teacher in order for you to be in the hallway during class time. In the absence of your planner, you must have a signed yellow sheet stating why you are not in class.

SAFE SCHOOLS

Yale Secondary School strives for a school free from violence and hate. Yale has a "Zero Tolerance" policy for any expression of racial/ethnic prejudice, verbal or physical violence towards others, or for bringing any kind of weapons to school.

Possible suspension from school as a consequence to "Zero Tolerance" applies to:

- expression of racial/ethnic prejudice
- verbal/physical violence towards others
- bringing to school weapons, toy weapons, inappropriate literature, substances, or materials injurious to self and others.
- "cyber-bullying" or harassment via the internet including provocative statements, threats, or slander.

DRUGS / ALCOHOL

The use or possession of drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited at Yale Secondary and all public schools in Abbotsford. Students in possession of or under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the school day or at a school-sponsored event will receive a suspension and be scheduled for a board of review at the school or school district. A board of review will determine the future of the student that may include withdrawal from Yale. Please refer to the school district policy manual for more details.

We expect our grad class to be leaders in the school and set a good example with the choices they make. **Grade 12 students who choose, in their final year, to attend school or a school event (school dance, field trip, etc) having consumed drugs or alcohol will not be allowed to take part in the school-based grad events.** (see grad section for details)

POLICIES OF ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

You may access School District #34 Policy Manual at www.sd34.bc.ca where you will find details of all the district's policies and procedures.