

How to Contact a Teacher

Parents can contact their child's classroom teacher in a number of ways. Parents can access all staff email address under the CONTACT A TEACHER on the Yale website (www.yalesecondary.com) or they can contact the school and leave a message with the teacher's voicemail. We also encourage parents to provide their email address so we can send out electronic mid-term reports and newsletters as well as allowing staff to email students as the need arises.

If my child is absent . . .

If your child is ill, or sick we encourage parents to phone in and excuse their absences. Regular, punctual attendance is required at Yale Secondary School. Students are generally expected to obtain all assignments given and complete all outstanding work missed due to an absence. Acceptable absences include illness, vacation, appointments etc. **Students who are absent unexcused will be assumed to be skipping and will be assigned to mandatory Attendance Centre at the teacher's direction.** 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.

How to contact your child during the school day.

The office staff will take messages for students from parents/guardians only. We do not page students during class time 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.

Parents Lead to Our Success

Parent participation is our key to success. We encourage parents to participate actively in their child's education. Feel free to walk inside our doors and engage your child and us. Become a Parent Partner, volunteer, or PAC representative – there are many ways you can be a part of the Yale community. We encourage parents to:

- *Communicate regularly with their child's teacher.
- *Attend Parent Teacher Interviews and Open Houses.
- *Become part of our community.
- *Make education a priority with a regular time and place for homework.

Thanks for sending us GREAT KIDS!



Yale Parent Guide

YALE SECONDARY

"Your Neighbourhood School.... A Great Place to Learn."

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Our Motto

- "We work together developing responsible citizens, dedicated to life long learning."

2008-2009 Edition

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The Extras

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. 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.

STUDENT TELEPHONE

A telephone (funded by the student leadership) is available for student use (No calls during class time).

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We ask that student refrain from bringing iPods, MPS and cellphones to school. See the District Cellphone Policy.

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.

VEHICLE PARKING

Student parking has moved to the front parking lot during the construction of the ARC expansion. Students will be required to register their vehicle with the school and display a parking pass in their vehicle..

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. To

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

Passport to Education stamps are issued to approximately the top 18% of students in grade 10, 11, 12 annually who met school criteria. See the Yale website or student planner for more details. The stamps can be used at colleges or university to pay for tuition or books.

Expectations

Students at Yale have the right to and are responsible for:

- 🍏 Attending all my classes
- 🍏 Being prepared for class (textbooks, pens, paper etc)
- 🍏 Asking questions, when I don't understand
- 🍏 Completing all homework and assignments
- 🍏 Being in a safe and secure environment free of bullying and harassment

Student must follow and understand the following rules:

1. I will attend regularly and remain in class
2. I will abstain from alcohol or drugs during school time
3. I will not fight, bully or harass another student
4. I will participate in activities offered by the school (sports, leadership, clubs etc)
5. I will not cheat or plagiarize
6. I will follow the dress code.
7. I will not damage, destroy or vandalize school property
8. I will respect others.
9. I will accept the consequences of my misbehaviour

Students must conform to the above rules while at school, on the way to and from school, during transportation, on school premise, and surrounding neighbourhood and on school trips.

Welcome to Yale

Bienvenue – Sat Sri Akal – Benvenuto – Jenobre
- Willkommen - Bienvenidos

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,
Greetings from Yale Secondary School.

This parent handbook has been designed cooperatively by the students, parents and staff members of Yale Secondary School to welcome you, educate you about how we "work" and to encourage you to become part of our team.

Yale enjoys a terrific reputation as a place that meets the needs of all students. Whether your son or daughter is headed to university, needs special assistance, loves sports, is into the Arts, wants specific workplace training or wants to get into service activities, we've got a program for him or her.

Our Parent Partner program encourages parents and provides opportunities to get involved in the school in classrooms, the cafeteria, "walking-about" our campus or helping out in Musical Theatre.

There are lots of great schools in Abbotsford with lots of different opportunities for young people but we are confident that you won't find a better place to send your kids than Yale Secondary, Your Neighbourhood School!

We look forward to serving you.

Mr. Glen Roger

Our 2008-09 Goal

Students at Yale Secondary School will successfully complete all of their assigned courses and will transition to the next grade level.

- a. Decrease "opting-out" behaviours of Grade 9 students, especially those that result in suspension.
- b. Increase success/pass rates in all subjects
- c. Increase retention of opportunities for students not planning to attend college or university.

Learning Services

Counseling Centre

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

Mrs. S. Perry	A – G
Miss C. Baldwin	H – N
Mr. S. Brigden	O – Z

Learning Centers

These programs provide academic support to students who are designated as having a learning disability and to those who qualify for learning assistance support. We have THREE Learning Centers under the guidance of Mr. Hyde, Mr. White, and Mrs. Soloman. Students who qualify can receive a support block or monitoring. Referral to Learning Centers is made through Yale's School Based Team meeting.

Traverse

The purpose of Traverse is to help students be successful and provide a sanctuary within the school setting. The Traverse staff act as advocates for the students.

Career Coordinator

Mr. Radons is our Career Coordinator and he is available to provide job and volunteer experience and/ or information. He also coordinates the Secondary Apprenticeship Program, Work Experience and Grad Transitions.

Saturday School/ Homework Club

Students who fall behind in their school work with overdue homework or assignments or homework, can at their teacher's discretion be assigned to Saturday School. Attendance is mandatory and students can earn their way out of Saturday school by submitting the necessary assignments or homework to the supervisor Mrs. Pollastretti. Refusal to attend will lead to suspension from school.

Grad Events

Grad Council Nominations

September 12 during class time

Grad BBQ and Post Secondary Evening

September 25 @ 5pm

Grad Parent Meeting

November 13 7pm @ Yale

Grad Fashion Show

February 12th, 2008 7pm @ Yale

Grad Parent Meeting

February 25th 7pm @ Yale

Grad Hockey Game

March 5th 1:30pm @ ARC

Valedictorian Nominations

April 17th during class time

Commencement Rehearsal

May 20, 3:30 pm @ Seven Oaks Alliance

Commencement

May 20, 7:00 pm @ Seven Oaks Alliance

Grad Tea

May 22, following commencement @ Seven Oaks Alliance

Dry Grad

May 22, following tea @ MRC

Grad Breakfast & Auction

May 23, 5:00 am @ Yale Secondary School

Grand Marche

June 13, 3:00 pm @ Yale Secondary School

Prom

June 13, depart at 4:00 pm for Pan Pacific

Show N' Shine

June 17th, AM/PM

*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 may 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 Graduation

GRADUATION 2009

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, 2008.

GRAD COUNCIL 2008/2009

Grad Council is in charge of all the activities for the class of 2009. 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 grad fee for 2008-09 will be \$250.

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. Students must be in a position to graduate. 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.

Resources

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, are 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: www.yalesecondarylibrary.com.

INTERNET AND WORLD WIDE WEB

Access to Internet is available to students from our library and computer labs. 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 a number of sections: under HOME you can find the Yale Mail, PAC and office information, under STUDENT INFO you can find extracurricular, scholarship, tutors, and grad info plus more, under COURSE selection you will find details regarding courses at Yale, under STUDENT SERVICES learn about counselors and LA support, then CONTACT a TEACHER, LIBRARY, CHECK MY MARK and CALENDAR.

Inside a Day in the Life at Yale

Our Schedule Is . . .

Time	Day 1	Day 2	LION DAY
8:10 – 9:30	A	B	A- 8:10 - 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 – 2:23	D	C	D- 1:20 - 2:23

Extended Day Classes:

AM classes begin at 7am

PM classes begin at 2:45pm

Attendance

We ask that parents phone in and excuse all absences. For your convenience you may phone in 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our office hours are from 7:30 am to 4pm but we have an efficient and effective voice messaging system. Unexcused absences will be deemed a skip and students will be assigned to the Attendance Center accordingly. We thank you for sending the message that regular, consistent attendance leads to academic success.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency you can contact your child through the school phone – 604-853-0778 – our secretarial staff while relay emergency messages etc. In the event of snow, please listen to FM 104.9 (92.5) for school closures etc. In the event of a natural catastrophe or bomb threat, information will be disseminated through local media (e.g. radio). At the sound of a fire alarm, all students will evacuate the building promptly as per rehearsed evacuation plans and follow direction of their teacher.

Grad Transitions

Starting in 2007, students are required to complete the Graduation Transition requirements in order to graduate. This has evolved out of the Graduation Portfolio.

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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).

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements begin in grade 10 and continue through to grade 12. In total, 80 credits are required for graduation (equivalent to 20 four credit courses).

48 credits (or 12 courses) are required including:

Language Arts *10, 11 & **12

Social Studies 10 & 11

*Science 10 plus a Science 11 or 12

*Mathematics 10 & 11

*Physical Education 10

*Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12

*Planning 10

*Graduation Transitions

28 credits (7 courses) are Elective including:

*Course with a required provincial exam worth 20%

**Course with a required provincial exam worth 40%

(Minimum of 16 credits (or 4 courses) 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>

Course Withdrawal Requirements

1. Course withdrawal must be done in consultation with counselor and teacher.

See your counselor 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. Please see the student handbook, available online, for a detailed outline of our study policy.

School Calendar

First Day of School - September 2nd

Meet-the-Teacher Week - September 15-18th

Non-Instructional Day – September 19th

School Photos – September 25th

Magazine Drive - October 14-23rd

Photo Retakes – October 17th

Non-Instructional Day – October 24th

Halloween Dance – October 30th

Grad Parent Meeting – November 13th

Early Dismissal Days – November 26 & 27th

Grad Photo Retakes & Report Cards Home – November 26th

Parent Teacher Interviews – November 27th

Non-Instructional Day – November 28th

Christmas Dance - December 11th

Christmas Break – December 20th- January 4th

Non-Instructional Day – January 16th

Report Cards Home – February 12th

Non-Instructional Day – February 20th

Grad Parent Meeting – February 25th

Spring Break – March 7th- 22nd

Good Friday – April 10th

Easter Monday – April 13th

Report Cards Home – April 16th

Non-Instructional Day – April 24th

Canada Day in May – May 15th

Grande Marche & Prom – June 13th

Last Day of School – June 16th

Exams – June 17th to 25th

Visit www.yalesecondary.com (Calendar Tab for up-to-date info.)

Parent Advisory Committee

The Yale PAC meets the second Thursday of each month in the Library at 7pm. They thank who came out to meetings and would love to see more new faces at future meetings. If you are interested in finding out more about what goes on at Yale and throughout the district, please attend. You should also know that the PAC does not do fundraising. If that is what has kept you away in the past, please know that we receive our funds through Bingo and Direct Access Grants. Last year we had approximately \$100,000 to spend. We will have a similar amount to spend this year, so if you would like a say in what this money is spent on, you need to attend our meetings.

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME MORE INVOLVED?

Parent involvement in education is widely recognized as a vital component to successful students and successful schools. Research shows that when parents are involved:

1. Students achieve more. The more parent involvement, the better the student achievement.
2. Students have higher grades and test scores, better attendance, and complete homework more consistently.
3. Students exhibit more positive attitudes and behavior.
4. Students have higher graduation rates and greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education.
5. Negative student behavior, such as alcohol use, violence, anti-social behavior decreases.
6. Students make better transitions to secondary school, and are less likely to drop out.

Source; National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs, National PTA

Yale Parent Partners

Mission

... Building positive connections between parents, students and staff in our community.

Parents are their children's first teacher. They can be a tremendous resource in their child's learning community.

The Yale Secondary Parent Partners program was developed for parents to step into their school's culture, to act as volunteers at school functions, as supporters of school activities, and as advocates for the school community and feeder schools.

Activities and AP . . .

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2008-09

The 2008-09 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 student enjoyment, back by popular demand, two pep rallies. Lion Pride also sponsors and organizes charity and fundraising events as ways to give back to the community at home and abroad. Check out the Yale Calendar for a complete list of events.

LINK CREW

What is Link Crew? Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the junior and senior classes to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success. More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in high school, their chance for success increases dramatically. The Link Crew high school transition program provides the structure for freshmen to receive support and guidance from juniors and seniors who have been through the challenges that high school poses, and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming. Link Crew begins with a powerful orientation day that makes freshmen excited and proud to be attending their new high school and allows them to begin developing relationships and strategies that will contribute to their high school success.

ADVANCE PLACEMENT

Advance Placement allows student to take first year university courses while still at high school. Students enrolled in AP courses receive dual credit (for example, Biology 12 and AP Biology 12 credit). In addition, they write their AP exam in May and if they score a 3 or better can receive first year university credit depending on the university of choice. See the AP Central bulletin board or Ms Smith for complete details. Yale is proud to offer the honours stream in English, Math, Science, Psychology and Art which start in grade nine or ten and work towards mastering a high level of student achievement while ensuring student receive an enriched curriculum.

Sport Academies

“...to develop self-confident Life Champions who are committed to continuous improvement as scholars, athletes, and community leaders..”

The Yale Hockey Academy is a skills based academy, that specializes in high performance training and elite skill development of athletes during school hours. We operate out of Yale Secondary School as well as the Abbotsford Recreation Centre. Students receive full credit for their on and off ice training:(P.E. 9,10, and 11 as well as Strength & Conditioning 9,10, and 11). Our Instructors include Brad Bowen, Andy Nielsen, and Sheldon Todhunter. All of our instructors have had high experience either as player or coaches and are well known in the community for their expertise of elite skill development and Kinesiology training. In addition, the Yale Hockey Academy has full support from BC Amateur Hockey Association, Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association, and Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association

Welcome to the Yale Baseball Academy. The Yale Baseball / Softball Academy specializes in high performance training and elite skill development of athletes during school hours. We operate out of Yale Secondary School as well as the Abbotsford Recreation Centre, and Ag-Rec complex. Students receive full credit for their training:(P.E. 9,10, and 11 as well as Strength & Conditioning 9,10, and 11). All of our students train with Powerzone Academy whose instructors are nationally and internationally recognized for their baseball and softball expertise and their training enables them to share their knowledge and skills with students. The Yale Baseball / Softball Academy operates from September 1st to Jan 20th. We engage in 72 training days that are approx 2 hours in length. The dryland program focuses primarily on core training and plyometrics. All Sport Academy Students are taken through extensive plyometric training, SAQ sessions (Speed, Agility, Quickness) as well as valuable classroom sessions that focus on sports nutrition, sport psychology, and sport injury management.

Yale Parent Partners

Parent Partners are supporters, volunteers and advocates for the school, school events and school activities.

Through Yale Parent Partners parents are asked to participate in primarily three ways.

- 🍏 **Representatives and advocates in the community.**
- 🍏 **Supporters and Facilitators in the school.**
- 🍏 **Delegates for our feeder schools.**

Opportunities to Get Involved:

- 🍏 First Day of School
- 🍏 Welcome Back Week
- 🍏 Fall Dinner & Meeting
- 🍏 Spring Dinner & Meeting
- 🍏 Open House/ Meet the Teacher
- 🍏 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 🍏 Yale Canteen
- 🍏 School Dances
- 🍏 Coaching
- 🍏 Parent Partner Walkabouts
- 🍏 Convocation
- 🍏 Dry Grad
- 🍏 Feeder School Rep
- 🍏 Parent Advisory Committee

Sports...

At Yale, we pride ourselves on the triple "A" threat – Academics, Athletics, Arts and Atmosphere. The following are a list of sports, teams, coaches and seasons of play. Time commitment for each sport vary so check with the coach for tryout times, practice schedules, and game commitments.

Fall Sports

Swimming – Mr. Martin, Ms. Ross

Volleyball –

Jr. Girls – TBA

Sr. Girls – Mr. Wilms, Mr. Grierson

Jr. Boys – Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Goodliffe

Sr. Boys – Mrs.. Burdeyny

Soccer –

Jr. Boys – Mr. Leonard

Sr. Boys – Mr. Bampton

Cross Country – Mrs. Rajabally

Cheerleading – Ms. Pollastretti

Winter Sports

Wrestling – Mr. Bell, Mr. Sweeney

Basketball –

Jr. Girls – Mr. Hildebrand

Sr. Girls – Mr. Piotrowski

Jr. Boys – Mr. Klein, Mr. Friesen

Sr. Boys – Mr. Friesen, Mr. Roberts

& Clubs...

Spring Sports

Rugby –

Jr. Boys – Mr. McWhinney, Mr. Primrose

Sr. Boys – Mr. Primrose

Jr./Sr. Girls – Ms. Stewart

Soccer

Girls – Ms. Ross

Track and Field – Ms. Neveu, Mr. C. Wiebe

Golf - Jr. – Mr. Klein, Sr. – Mr. Pretty

Ultimate – Mrs. Penner

Waterpolo – Ms. Baldwin

Another way you can get involved at Yale is through the many clubs and groups available. Each offers a different service to its members, the community, and to the school. Check out one and see if it's a fit!

Service

Key Club – Mrs. Penner

Interact – Mrs. Holroyd

General Interest

Yearbook – Mr. Jung

Grad Council – Mr. Primrose

Improv – Mr. Taylor

Fall & Spring Play – Mr. Taylor

Musical Theatre – Mr. Dencer

Prayer Group – Mr. Gripp

Link Crew – Ms. Pollastretti

Jewelry Making Club – Mr. Lehn