

Yale Secondary Student Handbook



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Take Care of Yourself Take Care of Each Other Take Care of This Place

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Yale Lion,

Welcome to Yale Secondary School! If you are a new grade 9 student, just beginning your high school experience, then you have four amazing years to look forward to; if you are a returning student, then you already know why Yale is a great place to learn. Let's work together to make it even better! I grew up in the Abbotsford community and have always heard great things about the positive Yale culture created by the staff, students, and parents. Please get involved in school activities, sports teams, and clubs. Make sure you push yourself academically to always do your best work. The Yale experience should give you the necessary building blocks to be successful once you graduate from secondary school.

We will continue to challenge our student body to leave a legacy. Your school years should be a positive experience for you - but, you must control your own destiny. You will have a number of opportunities to take part in "our" school culture. Some of these opportunities may not be a positive choice; make good decisions that will result in good outcomes for you and your friends. Be the puppet master, not the puppet!

Please remember that your job is to be a student first, which means academic rigor should be at the forefront of all your decisions. Good study habits can be practiced early in the semester, assisting with exam preparation down the stretch. You should have good results, and less excuses, if you plan well for your classes. Ask for help when you need assistance with your academics or when confronted with a school issue or problem. The staff at Yale will do all they can to assist your learning experience and help you achieve your desired goals.

Enjoy your year. Become part of a great tradition. Lion pride runs deep in Abbotsford. You are part of a very special group of people - have a great year!

Respectfully,



Mr. L. McDonald

1) YALE ACADEMICS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Advanced Placement (AP) exams are written in May. Please refer to the Yale APP or the school website: www.yalesecondary.com for a complete schedule.

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 November.
3. Semester two courses must be dropped no later than the last school day in April.
4. Yearlong (linear) courses must be dropped no later than the day 3rd term report cards are issued.
5. Students in grades 9-11 will receive a grade of "F" for a dropped course. (Students are not eligible for Honour Roll if they do not carry at least 3 courses in a semester.)

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
- Yale Secondary APP

Please verify start times on the school website/APP as they vary from provincial times. 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.

GRADUATION PROGRAM - CREDITS AND EXAMINATIONS

From 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)

*Any Mathematics 10 (4 credits each)

Any Mathematics 11 (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 Transitions

28 credits are Elective Courses

*course with a required provincial exam worth 20% of the final grade of the course

**course with a required provincial exam worth 40% of the final grade of the course

(Students are required to have a minimum of 16 credits at the Grade 12 level including Language Arts 12. All Ministry-authorized and Board/Authority-Authorized courses are also included.)

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

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

GRADUATION TRANSITIONS

There are three 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 Transitions work is complete, these blocks will become a regular study block. 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).

HONOUR ROLL

To be eligible for the Honour Roll, students must be enrolled in at least 3 courses per semester.

Yale Secondary recognizes students who show excellence in their studies through the Honour Roll. Each semester students who are on the Honour Roll receive a certificate from the Principal. If they are on the Honour Roll for both semesters for four years, they are eligible for the 4 Year Honour Roll and receive an award. In addition, at the end of the year, the Principal's Honour Roll is awarded to the top 10 students in each grade.

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.

PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Get help with post-secondary tuition and fees. Learn about the scholarships available to Grade 12 students graduating high school.

A comprehensive review of the Provincial Scholarships Program took place in spring 2015. Feedback was gathered from students, parents, teachers, counsellors, administrators, employers, and education partners. A report summarizing the consultation results and making recommendations lead to the development of the redesigned program. Changes will be phased in starting in the 2015/16 school year and be fully implemented in the 2016/17 school year.

Important changes include:

- The program's purpose has been revised as follows: to recognize student achievement and encourage students to pursue post-secondary education
- Under the revised program, all scholarships will be vouchers to be used upon registration and payment of tuition at a designated post-secondary institution
- Graduation Program Examinations Scholarships will be phased out. Final allocation will be to graduates in the 2015/16 school year
- District/Authority Scholarships will consist of vouchers only. A new area of recognition has been added: Indigenous Languages and Culture
- A new BC Excellence Scholarship will be launched for graduates in the 2015/16 school year
- A new BC Achievement Scholarship will be launched for graduates in the 2015/16 school year
- Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) students are eligible for the SSA Award; however it is no longer being administered under the Provincial Scholarships Program. The SSA Program Guide has additional information about criteria and procedures related to this award. Information is available at [Apprenticeship and Trades](#)

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- [BC Excellence Scholarships](#)
- [BC Achievement Scholarships](#)
- [District / Authority Scholarships](#)
- [Graduation Program Examinations Scholarships](#) (ending 2015/16 school year)
- [Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships](#)
- [Passport to Education](#) (Redemption only)
- [Redeem Your Scholarship Voucher](#)
- [Replace a Lost or Damaged Scholarship Voucher](#)

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Provincial Scholarships Program, recipients:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) at the time of registration in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded
- Must be a B.C. resident. Citizenship information is taken from TRAX. Incomplete or incorrect data in the citizenship field could affect a student's eligibility for a scholarship
- Must be (or have been at the time of receipt) enrolled in, or registered as a home schooler with:
 - A British Columbia public school (including Distance Learning schools), or
 - A Group 1, 2, or 4 British Columbia Independent School, or
 - A Continuing Education Centre

Detailed information on eligibility criteria and application process for each scholarship will be available in the 2015/16 Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program. See <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships>

HOMWORK CLUB

Students who need extra time or support in their academic studies are encouraged to attend Homework Club. It runs after school Monday to Thursday 2:30 – 3:45. You show up, we can help.

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. To qualify for a second academic study, a student must be taking a minimum of four grade 12 university admission courses: English, Writing, Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Math, History, Geography, Comparative Civilizations, Law, Modern Language, any AP course.

Exceptions

- Students can complete course requirements at the end of the 1st semester. This option still allows the student to participate in grad activities and benefits.
- Students may get a second study if they are doubled-up as a part of a half-day program in the 2nd semester (morning or afternoon).

Grade 11 students

Normally Grade 11 students must be actively involved in eight courses at Yale. However, a maximum of one study block may be granted if a student maintains three Honours courses in grade 11.

Grade 9 & 10 students

There are no study blocks for grade 9 and 10 students.

Exceptions and special circumstances

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

A study block is a privilege, not a right

Studies can be revoked. Academic non-performance or abuse of study time may result in losing your study block.

2) YALE SAFETY

CLOSED CAMPUS

The Yale campus is closed to visitors who are not Yale students. 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 pick up a form from the office, then seek approval

from all teachers concerned as well as a school administrator at least one day in advance. If you notice strangers in the school, please advise a teacher or administrator.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire Alarm in class: Students must exit the building with their teacher and report to homeroom teacher on main field.

Fire Alarm not in class: Students must exit the building and report to their homeroom teacher on the main field.

Earthquake: “Duck and cover” until shaking stops. Students exit the building as safely as possible and report to homeroom teacher on main field.

Lockdown: Students are to remain “locked in classroom” until “all clear” is announced. If a student is not already in a class, they will immediately report to the nearest classroom. If outside of building, they will seek refuge in the William A. Fraser Middle School building.

REMEMBER to treat all fire alarms as a fire and evacuate the building. Students caught pulling an alarm will be suspended and may face police charges as per the Fire Department regulations.)

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. 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.

INSURANCE

The school encourages all students to take advantage of the Student Accident Insurance Policy Plan offered by IA Pacific. 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.

STUDENT PHOTOS

All students at Yale are required to have their pictures taken at the school. School photos, used for the yearbook and to provide students with their Student Identification card, are **taken at no charge** in September. Retakes are done in October. Families may choose to purchase various packages of school photos. Costs and dates will be made available in September. Please see the Calendar online for picture days and retake days.

GRAD PHOTOS

Grad Photos will be separate from the regular school photos and are taken in October. The sign-ups for a sitting will be the week prior to the photo week. **You MUST have your picture taken here at the school to be on the grad composite – this is a FREE service.** There is also a \$40 sitting fee if you want grad pictures for friends and family.

If you have your pictures taken by another photographer, they will **not be in the composite, but if you get them to us by mid-December, we **may** be able to get them into the yearbook.

ID CARD

ID cards are used to sign out library books, take *Accelerated Reader* quizzes, buy dance tickets and load cash on the card to be 'swiped' in the cafeteria for food purchases. This system puts parents back into control of lunchtime purchases.

VEHICLE PARKING/PARKING LOT SAFETY

Students who bring vehicles to school are expected to practice safe driving on school grounds and in the neighborhood. Drivers who operate their vehicles in an unsafe manner will be dealt with by the school and/or Abbotsford Police and will have their driving privileges to school revoked. New drivers are reminded that they are legally only permitted to transport one passenger.

3) YALE STUDENT CONDUCT AND ATTENDANCE

STUDENT CONDUCT

At Yale Secondary School, we expect that students will display courtesy and respect for others and school property. Profanity, verbal or physical abuse, threats, intimidation, "put-downs" or bullying will not be tolerated. Any form of violence, aggression or intimidation will be dealt with seriously. This can include e-mail and social networking sites. Consequences may include suspension from school.

Fighting will not be tolerated on or off campus and will be dealt with seriously. **Students who gather to observe, promote, or record an altercation will also experience consequences.** When student security and safety is at risk, the school's involvement may extend beyond the campus and outside school hours.

As a student at Yale, I have the right to and am 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

I 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

I understand that I must conform to the above rules while at school, on the way to and from school, during transportation, on school premises, the surrounding neighbourhood and on school trips.

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

1. At school
2. On the way home from school
3. In transit to and from school and while attending any school function
4. On the premises or school grounds of any school in the district
5. On field trips

ABBOTSFORD RECREATION CENTRE

The ARC is a community facility; always be aware there are children, families and seniors in the building and students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Students are only allowed at the ARC during the school day to purchase food. The ARC has requested that students not loiter or eat their lunch there as it is a community facility.

CELLULAR TELEPHONE POLICY

Students are expected to use cell phones in appropriate ways. Teachers will outline their classroom policy at the beginning of the semester. Students caught using these devices without permission of their teacher may have the device confiscated.

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)

If you must bring a cell phone to school, **lock it up!** The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.

CHEATING/PLAGIARISM POLICY

Any student found cheating/plagiarizing will be facing escalating consequences that may include removal from class.

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. **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 escalating disciplinary action.

DRUGS / ALCOHOL

Students who choose to violate the drug and alcohol policy may lose the privilege of attending school events. The use or possession of drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited at Yale Secondary and all public schools in Abbotsford. Students shall not attend school or any school-organized or sponsored event while under the influence of drugs. Students shall not buy, sell, distribute or possess drugs on school premises or at any event that is organized or sponsored by a school. Students violating this policy shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the established School Code of Conduct and with relevant district regulations.

For the purposes of enforcing school rules and maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment, principals and vice-principals may conduct lawful searches of students, lockers and any other property, including cell phones and other electronic devices.

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.) in possession or having consumed drugs or alcohol may not be allowed to take part in the school-based grad events.** (see Grad section for details)

HATS

Yale Secondary has a no hat policy inside the building. Repeated offences will result in your hat being confiscated. Please remove the lid when you enter the building.

SMOKING

We encourage all our students to make healthy choices and refrain from smoking, including e-cigarettes. Students who choose to smoke must do so off campus and away from city buildings including the ARC.

ABSENCES AND SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

Students with a pattern of non-attendance lose the privilege of attending school events.

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 24 hours after the absence.

Missing classes without permission is TRUANCY. Truant students can anticipate making up lates and missed class time as arranged by teachers and/or school administrators. Continuing truancy will result in escalating disciplinary action.

P.E. – MEDICAL FORM/DOCTOR'S NOTE

If a student cannot participate due to medical complications they must bring a doctor's note. Each student must have a current medical form on file in the PE office which has been signed by a parent or guardian.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

Students who arrive after 8:10 are "late" and should go straight to class unless they have a note from a parent. 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 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, the school requires a note/phone call from their parent/guardian.

VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME

In accordance with School District Administrative Procedures AP 316 (Student Absences from School), we at Yale Secondary believe that instructional time is important and we become concerned when students miss school for family vacations or other activities that take them out of classes on a regular basis. When students miss instruction, their achievement normally suffers.

Teachers are encouraged to make every reasonable effort to provide both work and extended opportunities for students who miss school for unavoidable circumstances. We don't believe that vacations during school time, for the most part, fit into this category. It is therefore unreasonable to expect teachers to take responsibility for the progress of students who miss classes for vacations or other activities scheduled during instructional time. Assignments and assessment missed may not be available at a later date. Teachers do not have time to re-teach material already taught. Essential knowledge, skills and evidence of learning will be incomplete for any student who misses classes, particularly for those who miss extended periods of time.

Parents should avoid taking their children out of school for vacations or scheduled activities that conflict with school days in session. We do recognize that it will occur from time to time, and in making these decisions, parents must realize that student achievement may be adversely affected.

4) YALE ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

| Fall | Winter | Spring |
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| Swimming | Wrestling | Rugby |
| Volleyball | Basketball | Track & Field |
| Soccer | | Golf |
| Cross Country | | Girls Soccer |
| | | Tennis |

ATHLETIC FEES

The costs for our athletic program are paid with the athletic fees charged at the beginning of each season. Additional financial support comes from the student fees charged at the beginning of the year and with the generosity of our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

Fees are \$75 for each team a student/athlete joins. These fees offset the costs of supplies, tournament entry fees, officials, transportation, athletic banquet, and uniforms. Besides the regular season of play, junior teams can generally expect to be involved in 1 or 2 tournaments – senior teams in 2 or 3. Teams that engage in more tournaments will likely be faced with fundraising or additional fees.

CLUBS & GROUPS

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| Minor officials | Interact (Youth Rotary) |
| Anime Club | Travel Club |
| Art Club | Improv |
| International Club | Key Club (Youth Kiwanis) |
| Grad Council | Bible Study group |
| Ski & Snowboard Club | |

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Expect several fun activities coordinated by student leadership this year with spirit events, pep rallies, dances and dress up days. As well, there will be fund raising events to support community and global organizations like “Live to Give” in which Yale raised over \$ 18,000 for Free the Children. Make your time at Yale memorable by participating in fun events that support not only your school but also your community and even the world. **SHOW YOUR SPIRIT, YALIENS! JOIN THE FUN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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. Take care of this place by representing us well!

5) YALE RESOURCES

COUNSELLING CENTRE

The school counselling centre 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 counselling. 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:

Mrs. S. Perry A-G Ms. C. Baldwin H-N Mr. L. Bartlett O-Z

INTERNET

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.

LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCES

The school library is the centre for an incredible amount of resources for 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 in May.

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:
<http://www.yalesecondarylibrary.com>

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are provided to all students. Many of these books now cost in excess of \$80.00 each. Students are asked to afford their books the care and attention they deserve. 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.

WEBSITE

Visit our website at www.yalesecondary.com for important information including, but not limited to, grad information, exam schedules, staff contact lists, newsletters, parent information, school calendar, check-my-mark, course handbook and more.

YEARBOOK

For the last 35 years Yale has proudly presented a yearbook for sale to the student body. Yearbooks are only available for purchase up to Spring Break and are cheaper in the fall, so if possible buy your yearbook in October to avoid disappointment. 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.

6) YALE GRADUATION

GRADUATION

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 counsellor before the end of the second week of school.

All Grade 12's must complete an application to graduate. Most will have done so in May or June of grade 11. If a student has not done so, they may obtain one from the office.

GRAD COUNCIL

Grad Council is in charge of all the activities for the graduating class and as the leaders, they determine ways to involve all grads in preparing for the most important moment in their school career, graduation!

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 once. Students enrolled in courses outside of Yale that are required for graduation must be 80% complete by May 1 in order to be eligible to take part in the ceremony. Yale students must have a reasonable chance of successfully completing graduation requirements before May 1 to be eligible.

GRAD EVENTS – see Grad Handbook/school website for exact dates

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| Grad Fashion Show | November |
| Grad Cruise | December |
| Grad Lock-In | January |
| Convocation | May/June |
| Pre Prom Celebrations/Prom | June |

***Grade 12 students who choose, in their final year, to attend school or a school event (school dance, field trip, etc) in possession of or 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 take care of this place by setting a good example and making positive choices.**

VALEDICTORIAN

A Valedictorian is a representative of a graduating class who speaks on behalf of the graduates at convocation. 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

7) GENERAL INFO

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 Administrative Procedure AP 332 (Search and Seizure) on the District website for more information.

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.
- keeping their lockers locked with the padlock fully engaged

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.

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.

STUDENT MESSAGES

Emergency messages are handled on an individual basis. 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. We do not take messages from friends, employers, etc. If the message is a family emergency, the students will be called out of class immediately.

Yale Secondary. . .There's an App for that!

That's right, you can now keep up with all of the who, what, when and where for YALE Secondary right on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices through the YALE Secondary mobile app!

The YALE Secondary mobile app is free and can be found in the Apple App Store and on Google Play by searching for "YALE Secondary"

With it, you can:

- Opt-in to receive push notifications
- Keep up with the latest news and information
- View calendars for general events, athletics, clubs and school organizations
- Add events & calendars to your device calendar or share calendars
- View a map of event locations & get directions to off-campus events
- Find faculty and staff contact info
- Access quick links to school menus, online gradebook system and more
- Get important documents, view picture galleries & other media

The YALE Secondary mobile app by SchoolInfoApp also provides students with valuable tools, including:

- My Assignments – a virtual assignment book that students can use to keep up with their homework, upcoming tests and projects, complete with the due date and priority level.
- TipLine – a tool to promote school safety and integrity that allows students to anonymously report tips related to instances of bullying, academic integrity concerns or possible on-campus criminal activity.