

YALE SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR GRADE 9s

Principal: Mr. R. Sloboda

Vice Principal: Mrs. J. Webster (A-K)

Vice Principal: Mr. J. Ritchie (L-Z)

Counsellors

Counsellors provide help in a variety of areas which include timetabling, personal counselling, advocating for students, arranging assistance, post-secondary options, career planning, scholarships and bursaries.

Mrs. S. Perry (A-G)

M. C. Smith (H-N)

Mrs. J. Wickman (O-Z)



What choices do I have?

In grade 9, there are 2 levels of Math: Math 9 and Math 9 Workplace. Students who had significant challenge with Math 8 will be required to take Math 9 Workplace (by teacher recommendation).

GRADE 8 TO 9 COURSE SELECTIONS

You will need to select 5 Foundation Studies courses as well as 3 elective courses. Electives must include one Fine Arts course, one Applied Skills class and EITHER a second language OR another elective of your choice. Second languages become an elective in grade 9 but a language at least to the grade 11 level is needed for entry into some programs at major universities.

Extended day classes are additional options for electives.

GRADE 9 FOUNDATION STUDIES COURSES (REQUIRED)

English 9	Physical Education 9
Science 9	A Fine Art 9
Social Studies 9	An Applied Skill 9
A Math 9	A Second Language or a second Fine Art or a second Applied Skill

Fine Arts

Art 9
Concert Band 9
Drama 9
Guitar 9
Musical Theatre 9

(extended day)
Jazz Ensemble 9
Concert Choir 9

Applied Skills

Food Studies 9
Introduction to Computers 9
Metalwork 9
Student Leadership 9
Textiles 9
Woodwork 9
Women in Tech 9

Languages

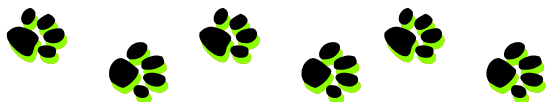
French 9
Introduction to Halq'eméylem 11
Spanish 9

CAREER EDUCATION 9

Career Education 9 is mandatory for all grade 9 students.

This course will show on grade 9 timetables as outside of the ordinary day but will not need to be attended during out of school hours. Career Education will be incorporated into the regular school day and is not offered as a separate course.

MAKE PAW PRINTS AT YALE



SPORTS

Fall: Swimming, Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Cross Country

Winter: Wrestling, Basketball

Spring: Rugby, Girls Soccer, Track & Field, Badminton, Golf, Tennis



Listen to the announcements for team try-outs or meetings. If you want to get involved but don't know who the coach is, see Mr. Byron, the Athletic Director, or one of the Counsellors.

LINK CREW

(Helping new grade 9's adjust to Yale)

Link Crew is a Grade 9 transition program whose objectives are: to increase academic success through support of peers; to develop leadership skills in students at Yale; to pass on positive traditions; to expose students to a variety of individuals at Yale in positive situations; to help foster a supportive and positive atmosphere at Yale; to empower grade 11 and 12 students as role models. Individually selected grade 11 students are trained in team-building activities, cooperative skill development and discussion skills. Each Link Leader then receives a list of 10 Grade 9 students to telephone and personally invite to the August orientation, to work with at the orientation and to stay in touch with throughout the school year. All grade 9 students are encouraged to participate. If a letter is not received in August outlining the orientation day, please contact the school directly.

YALE CLUBS

The Paw Print and Writing Club (for students who like to write and share their words) see Ms. White (room B133) or Ms. Larsen (room B131).

Yale Key Club meets Tuesdays at lunch in Mr. Caron's room (E208)

The Improv Club meets with Mr. Jackson when meetings are called (Sept through Dec)

Festival Play meets with Mr. Jackson when meetings are called (Jan through Apr)

Yale Pride meets with Mr. Penner Mondays at lunch time in E202

TED Talks meets every Friday at lunch in Ms. Sandison's room (Portable 7)

YYP – Yale Youth Parliament Club meets in Mrs. Latam's room (E110) on Thursdays at lunch time.

Game Changers meets Monday-Wednesday at lunch in Mr. Falls' room (D108)

Dear New Students:

The Covid-19 Pandemic has disrupted our lives and has forced us to learn in new ways such as online, blended, and a quarter system. These new methods are not all bad and we have all learned more about ourselves in the process. Hopefully, by the time September arrives, the pandemic will be over, and we can return to some form of normalcy in our lives.

Having said this, at Yale, we are very proud of the wide range of courses in a variety of programs that we offer students. In life, only you can write your own story. Therefore, choose your courses based on your goals for the future. The courses and programs you select should be in line with these goals. The course selections you make should be done in consultation with your parents, counsellors, and post-secondary guides. The selection of appropriate programs and courses of study will either limit your options or will keep many doors open for post-secondary choices. Senior students should make themselves aware of the requirements for graduation and admission for post-secondary programs.

Don't hesitate to contact a counsellor or other school staff if you require any assistance.

Respectfully,

Mr. Sloboda

Principal



“TAKING CARE OF THE PRIDE”

What can I expect on the first day of school?

It is normal for any student to feel nervous the first day in a new school. Finding classes and meeting new teachers and other students can create more than a few butterflies in the stomach. RELAX! Your teachers know exactly how you feel and are here to help you any way they can. DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP! We are in this together!

What supplies do I need to bring on the first day?

A pen and some note paper will be all you need on the first day of school. During the first couple of days your teachers will tell you about school supplies you need for your courses.

What do I do if I arrive late to school?

Although there may be times where lateness is unavoidable, students are expected to arrive on time for school each day. If students are late, they are expected to go directly to their class.

What if I have to leave school during the school day?

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, parents must notify the school in advance, using one of the 3 systems described above.

Will I have homework?

Students are expected to do all work assigned by their teachers. Students are expected to do regular home study which is the review, reading and preparation that goes beyond homework. Failure to do homework may result in teacher assigned consequences.

What is the lunch routine?

The lunch break is 40 minutes long. If you do not bring your own lunch, food can be purchased from the cafeteria. Lunch tables are provided in the cafeteria. Students may eat outdoors, in the cafeteria, or in the hallways and are expected to clean up after themselves. The Library Learning Commons is also open.

Can I ride my bike to school?

Bicycles brought to school are the sole responsibility of the owner. We recommend that bicycles be stored in bike racks provided and that bikes be chained with a high-quality lock when not in use. Be aware that bicycles are a highly sought after target amongst thieves in the community.

Does the school have a dress code?

Common sense is the key to student dress and grooming at Yale. We expect students to dress appropriately and be ready for learning while at school. Clothing that is offensive and/or distracts others from learning is not acceptable.

- Pajamas are not acceptable unless it is a school spirit Dress up day.
- Clothing which is clearly revealing or distracting such midriffs and chest area must be completely covered. Other students should not be able to see your undergarments.

- Students are permitted to wear hoodies providing that they do not cover their head. To ensure school safety, we must be able to identify our students.
- Clothing with graphics promoting inappropriate or derogatory comments including references to sex, alcohol, drugs, racism, violence or gangs is not acceptable in our school community.
- Students who come to school dressed inappropriately will be asked to cover up. Repeated violations will result in parents being contacted and the student being sent home.

What if I witness or I am a victim of harassment?

Harassment or bullying whether online or in person is against the school and District Code of Conducts, and will be dealt with severely and quickly. Harassment or bullying is inappropriate remarks, jokes, taunting, comments, gestures, sexually suggestive comments or actions that create an uncomfortable environment. **A bully is someone who:**

- uses power to hurt others or harm their possessions.
- purposely scares or intimidates others.
- often hurts the same person repeatedly.
- is sometimes supported by other people who just watch and laugh, instead of helping the person being bullied.

If you are being harassed or bullied:

1. Walk away and ignore the person.
2. Tell the person to stop.
3. Tell a parent/guardian, teacher or another adult with whom you feel comfortable discussing the incident(s).

Harassment or bullying is wrong and should be reported to your parent, teacher, or other person you feel comfortable telling. It is wrong to harass or bully another person; it is right to make it stop!