

YALE SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR GRADE 9s

Principal: Mr. R. Sloboda

Vice Principal: Mrs. M. Middleton (A-K)

Vice Principal: Mr. J. Maclaren (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
Drama 9
Guitar 9
Musical Theatre 9

(extended day)
Jazz Ensemble 9
Concert Choir 9
Concert Band 9

Applied Skills

Food Studies 9
Introduction to Computers 9
Metalwork 9
Student Leadership 9
Textiles
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

On the Page (Writing Club) for students who like to write and share their words. Mrs. White in Rm B133 Wednesdays at lunch.

Yale Key Club meets Tuesdays at lunch with Mr. Caron in the Learning Commons.

Yale Pride/GSA meets with Mr. Penner Thursdays at lunch time in E210.

D & D Club meets every Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch with Ms. Sandison's room in Portable 7.

Global Club meets in Mrs. Chan's room (B123) Fridays after school.

Ski Club see Mr. Hunter in C109 for information.

Travel Club see Mr. Radons in D115 for information.

Knitting & Crochet Club meets Thursdays at lunch in E206.

Yale Key Club meets Tuesdays at lunch with Mr. Caron in the Learning Commons.

Chess Club meets with Mr. Dekleva in the Learning Commons at lunch.

Black Connections see Mrs. Tessarolo or Mr. Roberts in room A136 for information.

Homework Club meets Monday – Thursday after school in the Learning Commons.

Dear New Students:

Welcome to the process of choosing your courses for the upcoming school year. We understand that this can be an exciting and challenging time, as you begin to plan for your future and explore your interests. As you make your choices, we encourage you to be mindful of your long-term goals, and to choose courses that will help you achieve them.

It is important to remember that the courses you take now will have a significant impact on your future opportunities. Taking challenging courses, and doing well in them, will help you build a strong academic foundation and demonstrate to colleges and employers that you are a dedicated and capable student. Additionally, by taking a variety of courses, you will have the opportunity to explore different subjects and discover what you are passionate about.

We also encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities available to you outside of the classroom. Participating in extracurricular activities, clubs, and community service projects can help you develop important skills, such as leadership and teamwork, and can make you a more well-rounded and competitive applicant for college and beyond.

In conclusion, as you plan your schedule for next year, we encourage you to think carefully about your future goals and to choose courses that will help you achieve them. Your high school years are an important time for personal and academic growth, so make the most of it. We wish you all the best in your course selection and in your studies!

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, parents should use the school messenger app to notify the school in advance.

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. 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.

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.

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 is wrong; it is right to make it stop!

***More information can be found on the Yale Website under "Students".