**Mr. Cabrera**

**Class 7-3**

**Day 1 Zoom meeting:**

**Meeting ID: 658 891 6777**

**Passcode: 6p3NsS**

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*I would like to extend a welcoming embrace to all of my students for the 2020 – 2021 academic year. These times have been marked by trials that have tried our resilience, and yet, here we are… strong survivors. Many of us have had to bid farewell to loved ones. However, this is a chance to carry on the legacy of those we have loved by creating indelible marks in our lives and in the world of those around us, in our schools, in our communities, and especially at home with our loved ones.*

*As an educator, I specialize in two central components of classroom education: behavior modification and scaffolds for instruction. Behavior is the first facet of instruction that must be intact in order to create a viable academic environment. My classroom is a safe zone for all students, and as such, students are expected to abide by the rules of mental, social, emotional, and physical well-being. My classroom is conducted based upon a system of rewards and consequences contingent upon adherence to academic expectations, and I enforce these expectations adamantly. In an effort to help students deal with the stresses of their daily lives, adolescent development, and human relations, we conduct a restorative circle the first day of every week. All of these systems are maintained intact to facilitate scaffolds in instruction so that grade-level material is instructionally accessible to all students. As a classroom, we deconstruct text in a piecewise fashion to help students garner specific and overall understandings as well as nuances that can remain unnoticed, creating a richer reading experience across all content areas.*

*In an effort to maintain the well-being of our students and families, this school year will be launched remotely. We will be using Microsoft Teams and Nearpod in a district-wide initiative designed to maintain a consistent platform for students across all grades. This is a very exciting program that we are all in the process of familiarizing ourselves with. Patience and persistence will be key elements in our joint success.*

*A tentative schedule for instruction will follow as described below. On September 8th, we will begin classes at 8:30 a.m. and last through 3:00 p.m. However, classroom instruction will commence at 8:30 subsequent to this, beginning on September 9th. On October 5th, our hybrid platform will commence. We will bring you more information regarding this date as the contingency plan is rolled out.*

*Stay healthy, safe, and blessed,*

*Mr. Cabrera*

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| *September 8, 2020* *The academic day will conclude at 2:00 p,m.* |
| *8:35-9:35 Restorative Circle* |
| *9:35-10:15 ELA* |
| *10:15-11:00 ELA* |
| *11:00-12:00 Lunch* |
| *12:00-12:45 Math* |
| *12:45-1:15 Special Classes* |
| *1:15-1:45 Science* |
| *1:45-2:00 Daily Wrap Up / Homework* |

*If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school telephone number at 376-8595, or email me at dcabrera@yonkerspublicschools.org. I will return your inquiries promptly.*

Supplies list

6 composition notebooks

6 folders

1 box of dry erase markers

1 small dry erase board
1 package of pencils

1 package of pens
1 pencil case

1 usb for saving work if necessary

1 hand sanitizer

1 box of tissues