



**Dear Seventh Grade Students and Parents:**

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and hope you are managing the challenging times we are currently living in. Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! I am pleased to take this opportunity to introduce myself and welcome your student to Yonkers Middle High School. This will be my 17th year teaching. I have taught in both Yonkers and New York City Public Schools. I am a graduate of Curry College with a bachelors in English. I received my master's degree in Education at Manhattanville College and my extension in Special Education from Mercy College.

Although this year will be faced with new challenges and obstacles we must overcome, I am really excited about the year and helping students accomplish these new challenges. I feel that a positive learning experience is built on a collaborative effort among parents, student, and teacher, and I welcome your questions and concerns as the year progresses.

While we are remote, we will be using Microsoft Teams for live lessons and viewing class assignments. In addition to Teams students will complete assignments in Clever and Nearpod. On Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> I will be personally reaching out by phone to each and every student and parent to introduce myself, gather some information about each student, ensure that you can access Microsoft Teams and find out your technology needs. I have provided Microsoft Teams login information at the bottom of the page. I will also schedule a live meeting at 10 a.m. in our Teams/Mr. Alger English Channel for those of you who are able to join.

I have posted getting to know you assignments in Teams on the "Mr. Alger-English Channel" that will be due at the end of the day Wednesday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. I have also posted some Remote Learning Rules and Norms for you to look over with your child.

Starting Thursday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> I will begin to meet with the students on Teams and post an assignment for each subject. Students are responsible for completing and turning in each assignment daily. Turning in the assignment and/or meeting with me on Teams will ensure that your child is marked engaged for the day. I have provided a schedule for the week ok 9/8 below. My goal for the week is to speak with each of you and get us all situated in our digital learning environment. I will be post our permanent Remote Schedule this week in Teams and on my Yonkers Middle High School Teacher Page.

My goal for each of my students is to experience success while we are remote learning. I am here to support you and together we will overcome any obstacles we may encounter. We are all in this together! I am thrilled to work with you and your child over the course of the school year. If questions or concerns should arise email anytime.

**Sincerely,**

Mr. Alger

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**MICROSOFT OFFICE 365:**

- Log on to <https://portal.office.com>
- Log in with your Student Office 365 Email Username and Password
- (Student) Username: 6 digit student ID followed by @yonkerspublicschool.org (e.g. [123456@yonkerspublicschools.org](mailto:123456@yonkerspublicschools.org))
- Password: Student Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
- Click on Teams icon

| <b>Tuesday 9/8</b>   | <b>Wednesday 9/9</b>   | <b>Thursday 9/10</b>  | <b>Friday 9/11</b>   |
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| <p>10 a.m.: Welcome “Live” Meeting on Teams (Mr. Alger’s English Channel).</p> <p>*One on One phone conference with each student and parent.</p> <p>*Students can complete “Getting to Know You Activities” assigned in Teams (Mr. Alger’s English Channel).</p> | <p>8:35 a.m.: Class “Live” Meeting on Teams (Mr. Alger’s English Channel).</p> <p>*Students can finish “Getting to Know You Activities” assigned in Teams (Mr. Alger’s English Channel).</p> | <p>8:00 – 8:45 a.m.: Math “Live” lesson and Student Assignment on Teams (Mr. Alger’s Math Channel)</p> <p>10:27 – 11:12 a.m.: ELA “Live” Lesson and Assignment on Teams (Mr. Alger’s ELA Channel)</p> <p>11:17a.m. – 12:03 p.m.: LUNCH</p> <p>12:06 – 12:51: Science Lesson Student Paced</p> <p>12:55 – 1:40: Social Students Lesson Student Paced</p> <p>1:44 – 2:00: Class “Live” Check-In</p> | <p>8:00 – 8:45 a.m.: Math “Live” lesson and Student Assignment on Teams (Mr. Alger’s Math Channel)</p> <p>10:27 – 11:12 a.m.: ELA “Live” Lesson Assignments on Student (Mr. Alger’s ELA Channel)</p> <p>11:17a.m. – 12:03 p.m.: LUNCH</p> <p>12:06 – 12:51: Science Lesson Student Paced</p> <p>12:55 – 1:40: Social Students Lesson Student Paced</p> <p>1:44 – 2:00: Class “Live” Check-In</p> |

