January 31, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

School start times have changed for the 2016-2017 school year for many of the schools in Chatham County. Myers Middle school operation times this year begins at 7:40 am and ends at 2:40 pm.

Students that walk to school and those that are car riders may enter the building in the morning through the gym until 7:35 am. Please make sure your child arrives to school before 7:40 am or they will be considered tardy.

A tardy letter was sent out January 13th with report cards explaining the process for the student's arriving late to school. **The letter in error noted a start time later than 7:40 am that was incorrect.**

Please review the process below as we are tracking attendance very closely to ensure the success of our students.

Tardiness to school will be unexcused even though the parent brings the student to school. Oversleeping, car/traffic problems etc. are all considered unexcused tardies.

Tardies are excusable by a school official under the following circumstances:
1. Court appointment
2. Personal illness of student
3. Serious illness or death in immediate family
4. Quarantine
5. Student has a doctor/dentist/professional appointment
   (A note or phone call from parent or a professional note from doctor/dentist/professional will be required to verify)
6. Family emergencies (approved by Principal or Superintendent)
7. Religious holidays

The following consequences are in effect regarding late arrivals to school:

- 3 unexcused tardy days to school = after school detention
- 6 unexcused tardy days = after school administrative detention
- 9 unexcused tardy days = Saturday detention from 9:00 am - 12:00 PM
- If a student does not attend the assigned detention or Saturday School, a social worker referral will be processed.

Our goal is to decrease the amount of unexcused tardies among our students. Making sure that your child is on time to school, ensures that your child becomes a vital member of our student body.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ericka C. Washington, Principal

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