



September 25, 2015

Hello Sizer Families,

We hope that this letter finds everyone well and enjoying the beautiful beginning of Autumn. The start of our school year has been very positive and exciting. Please take a look at our Friday Flash for more details about that.

I'm writing to clear up some confusion about the daily start time of our day here at Sizer. Most of you have probably noticed that our current schedule, which was distributed on 'Advisory Day,' lists the first class of the day beginning at 7:55. Past practice has been that a bell rings at 7:55 indicating that it is time to head for class, but that class actually begins 3 minutes later at 7:58. Students have only been marked tardy if they arrive after 7:58. The start time is also described in the Student Handbook in this way.

As you may be aware, Massachusetts Department of Education has strict 'Time on Learning' regulations, which determine required numbers of minutes in classroom instruction for all public schools. Sizer is listed with the Massachusetts Department of Education as starting instruction at 7:55. We will need to begin our formal day at 7:55 to be in compliance with our State Charter.

We apologize for any confusion that this has caused our students or families. We should have been clearer and formally communicated this change to all of you prior to the start of the year. Any students who have been marked tardy for coming in between 7:55 and 7:58 through September 25th, have had their records corrected and those tardies have been erased. However, as of September 28, 2015, the official start time at Sizer will be 7:55 and students arriving after that time will be marked tardy.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about this. 978-345-2701 ext. 402.

Sincerely,

David Perrigo
Principal, Sizer School