

# Counselor's Corner

**Who Do You Call? Do You Know Your Parents' Work Phone Number? Do You Know Your Mom's/Dad's Cell Phone Number? Where does your mom work? Where does your dad work?**

These may seem like elementary and simple questions – but in the past few weeks *kindergarteners* as well as *high school seniors* could not answer these questions!!!!

It seems that the students have forgotten the information over the summer. A more frightening comment that we're hearing, much too often, is that "*the number is programmed into my phone so I don't have to know what it is*"! It is vitally important that your students know the phone numbers and places of employment, so that they are able to get in touch with parents or guardians in an emergency or any other situation. **Remember** ... cell phones are not always charged! Cell phones are misplaced or stolen! Your child may not have a cell phone! In the worst-case scenario your child is lost and can't get in touch with you!!!!

Please go over all of the information with your children. Make sure they are able to answer these questions without hesitation. Technology is a great thing – but when we let it get in the way of safety it is dangerous!

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