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Counselors' News...

Last month, our students were treated to an annual character education presentation by Camfel Productions. Camfel uses three screens to present a cohesive collection of vignettes about the challenges teens face. Students highlighted are from surrounding area southern California High Schools, and popular music is interspersed to make it feel very current and relatable for the kids. This year's theme was "Balance of Power" and underscored the fact that life isn't fair. People are all dealt their own set of cards, it's what we do with the cards that make the difference. The presentation included messages about facing challenges, making choices, and taking responsibility for one's own actions. Counselors were very pleased to see a lot of our messages to the kids directly reflected in this presentation!

Now is also a great time to remind students to be careful with their personal items at school. Shortly before the winter break we received reports of items being taken out of backpacks that had been left unattended around the campus. Missing items included, money, iPods, phones, as well as homework spirals/workbooks. So whether it is the latest tech gift received during the holidays or homework assignments, it is advisable to keep items either on their person or locked in their lockers while on campus. As a rule, students should never leave their backpacks unattended.

Lastly, we received a resource from our counseling network regarding internet safety and managing online reputation. We would like to share this site with you as we noticed there was some information geared specifically for parents. <http://knowwheretheygo.org/asca>.

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