Check your outgoing phone message

Ensuring your message is up-to-date and conveys professionalism

"Your voicemail greeting has a big influence on the way you're perceived... It pays to invest a little time to create an effective, concise outgoing greeting."

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Since you either started school last week or are having your first day today, this week's tip will be short.

Listen to and update your phone's outgoing message.

I understand that most of you change your school's outgoing phone message during the summer to reflect your reduced office hours. This is just a reminder to change that message now so it communicates your school year hours.

1. Tell callers when to expect a call back.

If you typically answer messages at a specific time (such as after school for those of you who also teach) let your callers know when to expect your call.

- 2. Be succinct.
- 3. Be cheerful and friendly.

Remember we are all praying for you daily.

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