Dear Warriors,

Welcome back to Kootenai Jr./Sr. High school! Faculty and staff are excited for the upcoming year and I know it will be a year full of many celebrations. There is always a buzz in the air as fall activities begin and the school year gets underway.

Kootenai is small enough for each student to find their niche and large enough to offer a variety of challenging courses and electives that help produce well-rounded young adults who are ready to face the world head-on. Armed with critical thinking skills, our graduates are prepared for whatever comes next—whether that be college, trade school, military service, or the workforce. This is evidenced in our graduation rates as well as our performance on standardized tests. In recent years, our schools (K-12) have achieved above the state average—and in some cases, in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile—on a variety of standardized tests used at the state and federal levels to measure proficiency. This is something we applaud and recognize to be a great achievement for our school and community.

We are excited to welcome back our faculty and staff and welcome some new faces as well. Our junior high will have a brand new staff in every subject but math and high school has a new English teacher. I am entering year two in the Jr./Sr. high principal's office and also serve as athletic director and federal programs director. All staff are eager and ready to get the school year underway.

It is our desire to see Kootenai schools integrate and partner with the community. Please check our Facebook page as well as our events/sports calendars and plan to come and support our kids as much as possible.

Thank you and welcome back!

Sincerely,

Nolan Kerby

Principal/Athletic Director

Kootenai Jr./Sr. High School