Dear Parents and Guardians,

Oh, my goodness, it is almost here. I can't believe the first day of school is only two weeks away. I am sure some of you are ready for that, while others are not so sure. On behalf of my amazing wife, I promise to keep this short and sweet. Although, rest assured there will be many more of these throughout the coming days.

**Important Dates:**

**Wednesday, August 10th** – MVMS Open House: 8th Grade 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
7th Grade 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Thursday, August 11th** – Independence High School Registration: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Wednesday, August 17th** – Blackfoot High School Orientation
Seniors – 8:00 AM, Juniors 10:00 AM, Sophomores 12:00 PM, Freshmen 2:00 PM

**Thursday, August 18th** – Elementary (K-6th) Back-to-School night 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, August 23rd** – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (K-9th): 2-hour Early Release

**Wednesday, August 24th** – All grades in session (sorry upperclassmen): 2-hour Early Release

**Thursday, August 25th** – All grades in session: 2-hour Early Release

The first week of school will be 2-hour Early Release. The rationale is twofold: 1) easing back into the routine and 2) leaving school before the buildings get too hot. We have purchased coolers for our schools. We hope it helps over the next few weeks with high temperatures. Lastly, as my family endures our back-to-school shopping this weekend, I want to remind you of our dress code. It can be found on our website, under the "For Parents" section: https://www.d55.k12.id.us/

Have a great day and you will be hearing from me again soon.

God Bless!

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