

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over the United States. A total solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and earth, completely blocking the face of the sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk.

St. Ann Catholic School is planning a viewing opportunity to allow your child (with your permission indicated below) to go outside and participate in activities and view the solar eclipse. **We also invite you, the parents to come and join us for this event (please bring eclipse-safe glasses).** As always, safety is our top priority, and we are taking all precautionary measures to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. Looking directly at the sun is unsafe. The only safe way to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters such as “eclipse-safe glasses.”

The Erika Center at St. Ann will provide all students with glasses to wear during the event. **At no time should students or participants remove their “eclipse-safe glasses” and look at the sun because it could cause permanent eye damage or other unknown effects.** Although there is no way to fully guarantee student safety during such a rare event, the school is taking precautionary measures including pre-education to make sure children understand that they are to keep the “eclipse-safe” glasses on the entire time they are viewing the eclipse. We ask that you please speak with your child about the importance of keeping the “eclipse-safe” glasses on while they are viewing the eclipse.

If you want your child to participate in outdoor viewing activities planned on April 8, 2024, for the eclipse, please review, sign and date, and return this form to the school by **Wednesday, March 27th**. If you do not wish for your child to be outside during this event, or if you do not return this form, alternative activities will be held inside during this time for your child. **By signing this permission slip you, as a parent(s)/guardian(s), acknowledge that you are aware of the risks associated with this event, have discussed with your child the risks and importance of keeping the “eclipse-safe glasses” on for the entire time they are viewing the eclipse and waive the right to pursue any and all claims against St. Ann Catholic School, it’s agents, or the Catholic Diocese of Memphis from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, and/or legal liability for eye injury to your son or daughter occurring during, or resulting from the Solar Eclipse Viewing.**

Consent and Release

Student Name _____ School St. Ann Catholic School Grade _____

I/we, parent(s)/guardian(s), hereby give consent for my/our son/daughter to participate in this school-approved activity to view the “2024 Solar Eclipse” on April 8, 2024, at St. Ann Catholic School using the “eclipse-safe viewing glasses.”

I/we have been informed viewing the eclipse involves risk, which could result in injury to the eyes, if the “eclipse-safe” glasses are not worn properly. I/we have discussed with our son/daughter the importance of keeping the “eclipse-safe” glasses on while viewing the eclipse.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

Date