

Most Precious Blood School

Empower the Mind...Enrich the Spirit

August 14, 2017

Dear Parents of Students in Grades K-8,

On Monday, August 21, 2017 all of North America will experience an eclipse of the sun. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon blocks any part of the sun. This is the first time since 1918 a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. The eclipse will occur in our area beginning at 12:59p.m. and ending at 3:47 p.m.; nearly 90% of the sun will be covered at 2:25p.m. We will be starting school 1 hour late and dismissing late. Drop off will begin at 8:30a.m.; the school day will begin at 8:55. Dismissal will be at 3:47 when the solar eclipse is over in our viewing area.

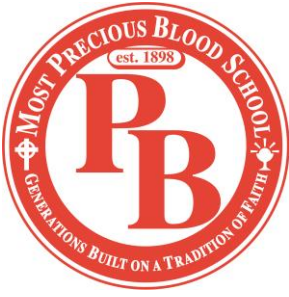
To participate in this event, we have organized a structured, supervised viewing opportunity for students. Safety during the eclipse viewing is our top priority. Looking directly at the sun is unsafe. Because the sun will never be totally covered during our eclipse experience, students will be required to wear special eclipse glasses during the entire time they are outside. We have purchased NASA-endorsed, eclipse-safe viewing glasses for all students and staff. A special thanks to our PB Home and School Association (HASA) for funding the purchase of all of the glasses. Regarding the safety certification of the special viewing glasses, please visit <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/safe-viewing>).

- Parents not wanting their children to participate in the eclipse viewing may choose to complete an Opt Out Form located on the back of this letter. These students will remain inside during the duration of the eclipse.
- Students will not have outdoor recess in the afternoon.

More information about the 2017 solar eclipse can be found on NASA's website at <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>.

A solar eclipse is a memory to last a lifetime! Taking precautionary measures and following important rules will ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for our students. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Mr. Stanley Liponoga IV
Principal



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Opt Out Form

Complete this form if you **do not** want your children to go outside during the Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21st. Please turn in Opt Out Form to the school office by Friday August 18th 2017.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Student Name(s) _____

*If you are planning on keeping your child home or picking them up early on Monday August 21st. Please write the details below: