



Solar Eclipse Viewing Information

On August 21, 2017, Central Kentucky will be in the path of the solar eclipse. This event is being called “The Great American Solar Eclipse,” because it is the first time since 1918 a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. Christ the King School will be in session and is planning a viewing opportunity to allow students in grades three through eight to experience this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Christ the King School has purchased eclipse-safe viewing glasses for students, faculty and staff. Safety is always a top priority. We will take all precautionary measures to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. Students will not be permitted to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars, or other optical devices, with or without glasses. For more information on viewing the eclipse safely to prevent eye damage, please visit the following site that includes some helpful information (<http://eclipse.semo.edu/safety>.)

Students in grades 3-8 will convene in the gym prior to going outside at 2:15 p.m. We will come back into the gym by 2:45 p.m. for dismissal. Dismissal may run a few minutes late so we appreciate your patience and support. Depending on the grade level, teachers in the lower grades may show live streaming of the event. For parents of preschool children, we suggest that you pick your child up at 11:30 a.m. or allow them to stay for the Extended Day Program (EDP). If preschool parents cannot do either, we ask that you park and come into the school to pick up your child(ren) after regular carline dismissal, which is finished by 3:15 p.m. If you choose to keep your child(ren) at home, it will be an excused absence.

Because of safety concerns, a parent or guardian signature on a permission slip is required in order for students to participate in the viewing using the eclipse glasses. Students whose parents do not complete this form will not be able to participate. The permission slip may be submitted electronically via RenWeb – go to ParentsWeb or use the RenWeb Home app, under **School Info | Web Forms | Solar Eclipse Viewing Permission Slip**. Also, please check out the following link to protect yourself while driving. (<http://wtop.com/dc-transit/2017/08/driving-eclipse-feds-warn-dangerous/>).

Many blessings,
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