

Holy Angels Regional School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you about an upcoming celestial event that will provide a unique learning opportunity for our students: a solar eclipse. On April 8th, 2024, a partial solar eclipse will occur, offering a remarkable chance for students to witness and learn about this rare phenomenon.

A solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, partially or fully blocking the Sun's light. During this event, the sky darkens, and the temperature may drop slightly, creating an extraordinary atmosphere for observation.

Safety is our top priority during this event. Viewing a solar eclipse directly without proper eye protection can be harmful to one's vision. Therefore, we strongly advise parents to discuss safety precautions with their children. It is crucial to emphasize the importance of not looking directly at the Sun without approved solar viewing glasses or indirect viewing methods, such as pinhole projectors.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to engage with your child in discussions about astronomy, the solar system, and the wonders of the universe. Additionally, if you wish to observe the eclipse with your child, please ensure you have the appropriate eye protection.

Please note that regular school activities will continue as scheduled, but teachers may incorporate the solar eclipse into classroom lessons where appropriate. **Students may dress down free of charge in black or a Solar Eclipse shirt the day of Monday, April 8th.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

