

# PROVIDENCE

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS GRADES 6-12

March 25, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are all aware that Monday, April 8, 2024 is a total solar eclipse that will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. San Antonio and surrounding areas will be in the path of totality, offering a unique “once in a lifetime” learning experience for students.

**Providence Catholic School will have a regular scheduled school day on April 8, 2024.**

We have coordinated field trips to view the eclipse at the OLLU Convent in the Pecan Tree grove with the CDPs. All grades, except for the Freshman Class, will be shuttled between 12-12:30pm to have lunch and visit with the CDPs. This location will have a brief total eclipse, and the partial eclipse for this area of the city is projected from 12:59-2:08pm. We will return to campus for a 2:30pm dismissal. The freshman class has a separate field trip arranged to view the eclipse.

We are aware that the Department of Catholic Schools has canceled school for all Archdiocesan schools and requires the day to be made up with the school's inclement weather day. Our school calendar would require attendance on Easter Monday holiday, so the decision has been made to continue with a regular school day.

Field Trip permission slips for all students will be distributed this week during advisory. Student will need to bring a sack lunch or purchase from the cafeteria. Additionally, review these safety precautions with your daughter. Proper eclipse glasses will be provided for all students and staff. <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/safety/>

**Attendance:** If you live in an area of the path of totality or have other plans to view the eclipse, please contact Mrs. Castillo, Administrative Assistant/Attendance via email as soon as possible, [ecastillo@providencecatholicschool.net](mailto:ecastillo@providencecatholicschool.net) to notify us if your daughter will be absent on this day. Our science department will provide an alternative assignment to excuse your daughter's absence. Students who are absent must follow the regular make up work policy in the student handbook for all classes missed.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

In Providence,

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