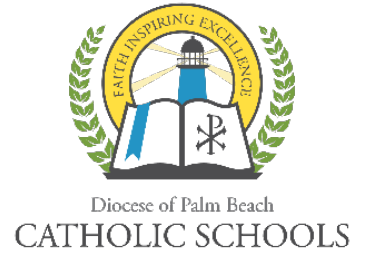




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SOLAR ECLIPSE INFORMATION FOR MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

As always, the safety of the Diocese of Palm Beach faculty, staff, students and families are a top priority. On Monday, April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States and Canada. While our diocese will be outside the path of totality, a partial view is expected to occur in the afternoon, from approximately 1:45 to 4:15 p.m., with the peak at 3 p.m.

Below is important guidance for schools, the community and families for the partial eclipse. Parents, please speak to your children about these safety measures in advance of Monday to ensure all safety protocols are followed.

- Do not look directly at the sun without proper eye protection.
- View the sun through eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer before, during and after the partial eclipse.
- Even during a partial or annular eclipse, or during the partial phases of a total eclipse, the sun may still be very bright, depending on cloud cover. If you are watching an entire eclipse, you may be in direct sunlight for hours. Remember to wear sunscreen, a hat and protective clothing to prevent skin damage.

Visit [NASA's eclipse safety website](#) for additional information or [Florida Today to enter your zip code](#) and learn the specific times of the eclipse passing over your area.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation on Monday and throughout the year in partnering with the Diocese of Palm Beach regarding the safety of your children.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Gary Gelo
Superintendent of Schools

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