



**CAMBRIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**SOLAR ECLIPSE - APRIL 8, 2024**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Monday, April 8, a solar eclipse will cross the United States. The path of the total eclipse will be just to our north and west, in the region of Erie and western New York. Locally, the eclipse will occur from approximately 2:00 - 4:30 PM, with the sun being 96% blocked around 3:20 PM.

As a reminder, it is not safe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection during a solar eclipse. Thanks in part to a generous donation from the Cambria Heights PTO, all students in grades Pre-K to 8 will receive a pair of eclipse glasses at dismissal. As most students will already be home at the peak of the eclipse, parents and guardians may want to take their children outside with their eclipse glasses to share this experience with them. Additionally, teachers will incorporate age-appropriate lessons into their classes on that day.

If your schedule permits and you would like to experience the eclipse as a family, parents may sign their children out of school anytime after 12:00 noon on April 8 and the afternoon will be counted for attendance purposes as an educational field trip. If possible, please notify your child's attendance secretary in advance at the contacts below so each building can plan accordingly.

*Elementary School* - Mrs. Angela Thomas - [athomas@chsd1.org](mailto:athomas@chsd1.org) - 814.344.8506  
*Middle School* - Mrs. Alanna Sowers - [sowersa@chsd1.org](mailto:sowersa@chsd1.org) - 814.674.6290  
*High School* - Mrs. Janell Murphy - [jmurphy@chsd1.org](mailto:jmurphy@chsd1.org) - 814.674.3601

Please note that some students who attend Admiral Peary AVTS will be completing their NOCTI performance testing on April 8. Students who are testing should not get dismissed early for the eclipse, as there are limited times when industry-certified evaluators are available for NOCTI assessments.

Thank you for your cooperation.