

A Message from the Head of School Regarding the Solar Eclipse

Dear Parents,

On Monday, August 21, a solar eclipse will appear over Memphis at approximately 1:20 p.m. FACS will provide all students in grades PreK-12 with eyewear that meets the standards for safe eclipse viewing (ISO 12312-2). Students will be supervised by teachers, and all rules for safe viewing will be followed throughout the eclipse. You may want to look at the [NASA site](#) to learn more about the solar eclipse and safe viewing.

Parents who may be uncomfortable with students using FACS-issued eyewear to observe the eclipse directly may opt out of eclipse viewing and ask that their students remain indoors.

[Please download the opt-out form here.](#) This form must be completed, signed, and returned to the main school office, emailed to Susan Gilmore (sgilmore@facsmemphis.org), or faxed to (901) 324-3558 by 4 p.m. Friday, August 18.

It will be assumed that your student has permission to use the eyewear and view the eclipse unless you return the form.

Our faculty members are looking forward to teaching students about the eclipse. If you are looking for a family dinner table discussion topic, you may want to compare current information about the eclipse ([the Washington Post has a thorough, easy-to-understand site](#)) with scripture passages that seem to describe something like an eclipse: Exodus 10:21-23; Joel 2:31; Matthew 24:29, Mark 15:32-33; Acts 2:20; and Revelation 6:12.

Again, please complete and return the opt-out form if you do not want your student to view the eclipse.

Sincerely,

Wendell Meadows
Head of School