



On August 21, 2017, for the first time since 1918, a total solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the United States. Covenant Academy will be in the path of totality for the solar eclipse. We have been busy planning to make this once in a lifetime event a unique learning experience for our students. On August 21, 2017, all Covenant Academy students (with your permission indicated below) will be allowed to go outside and participate in activities and view the period of totality (“Solar Eclipse Viewing”). As always,

student safety is our top concern. Looking directly at the sun is unsafe. The only safe way to look at the un eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as “eclipse glasses”. Per NASA, homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. The Vision Center has purchased and will provide all students and participants who attend the outdoor activities eclipse glasses to wear during this event. Although there is no way to fully guarantee student safety during such a rare event, we will take precautionary measures including pre-education to make students aware of the risks involved in directly looking at the sun. At no time should students or participants remove their eclipse glasses and look directly at the sun as it could cause permanent eye damage or other unknown effects. There is no way for the school to guarantee that your child will not remove their eclipse glasses, so **please speak with your child about the importance of keeping their eclipse glasses on at all times during this event.** Glasses may be removed during the “totality portion” of the event as indicated on the attached paper.

Activity schedules will vary per class. Estimated time for “Totality” in Morrison, TN is 1:30 p.m.

*If you want your child to participate in outdoor viewing activities planned on August 21st for the eclipse, please review, sign and return this form as soon as possible. If you do not wish for your child to be outside during this event, alternative activities will be held inside during this period. By signing this permission slip, you as a parent of a minor child, are acknowledging that you are aware of the risks associated with this event, are freely assuming those risks, and waive the right to pursue any and all claims against Covenant Academy (Covenant Fellowship Church), its agents, employees, Board members, insurers, and others acting on the Covenant Academy’s behalf (collectively, “Releasees”), of and from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and/or legal liabilities for eye injury, property damage, injuries to or death of me/my son/daughter occurring during, or resulting from the Solar Eclipse Viewing, even if the cause, damages or injuries are alleged to be the fault of or caused by the negligence or carelessness of the Releasees.

Consent and Release

Student Name(s):

School:

Grade/Class:

I, parent/guardian of _____; hereby give consent for my son/daughter/me to participate in outdoor Solar Eclipse Viewing activities to view the Eclipse on August 21, 2017.

Parent/Guardian Signature * _____

Please indicate below if you will be attending and if you will need glasses for the event.

- Yes, I would like to attend and would need glasses.
- Yes, I would like to attend but will not require glasses.
- No, I will not be able to attend.

Please indicate below if you do NOT wish for your child to participate.

- I do NOT consent for my son/daughter to participate in the outdoor Solar Eclipse viewing activities.