



March 6, 2024

Dear Johnstown-Monroe Families:

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will traverse north-easterly across the United States, from its southernmost border and into Canada.

For the first time since 1806, parts of Ohio will fall within the total eclipse expanse.

While Johnstown is not in the 100% eclipse path, our region will still experience a significant eclipse effect shortly after 3 p.m.

We have been working closely with our community partners including the Licking County Emergency Management Agency and have determined that a two-hour early release for all students and staff will help ensure that our buses and school related traffic will not be impacted by the heavy traffic that is expected in the immediate aftermath of the eclipse.

The Johnstown-Monroe School District has established an early release schedule on April 8, 2024, for students as follows:

Middle School: 12:25 p.m.
High School: 12:30 p.m.
Elementary School: 1 p.m.
Intermediate School: 1:20 p.m.

As we get closer to April 8th, watch for follow up information the school district will be providing for students to prepare for the solar eclipse. In advance, we have partnered with Intel which is ordering solar eclipse glasses for all Johnstown-Monroe students and staff.

More information about the eclipse and its path may be found on the official NASA website at: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/> and also here: <https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/april-8-2024>

Respectfully,

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Superintendent