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Dear Parents:

I am writing this letter to inform everyone that due to the solar eclipse that will occur on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be having an early dismissal at 12:00 p.m. This is already a private transportation day, so the only thing that will change as far as transportation goes is the dismissal time. After much thought and input from the diocese, we have decided to dismiss our students at noon due to safety concerns. There will be no aftercare, afternoon pre-school classes, and daycare will close at noon.

Several schools throughout the diocese have already cancelled school for this day or have gone to an early dismissal. We have decided that an early dismissal is the best option for our school. We have been warned by the diocese of the dangers that can occur during this rare solar eclipse and the safety of our students is our number one priority. Just as we would call off school if we felt the roads were not safe, we feel we need to have an early dismissal to protect our students from the dangers of this eclipse. We have been told that the main viewing time for this eclipse is between 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., which would be during our regular dismissal time.

This is a special occasion and we highly encourage anyone that wants to view the solar eclipse to use the special eclipse glasses that are available and to follow all of the suggested safety precautions. We understand that this is an inconvenience for some of our families, but we feel that it was the right decision to protect our students.

God Bless!

Mr. Detzel