

A BRIGHT START TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

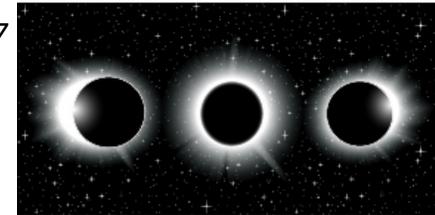


CISD is ready for the rays! ISO Certified Solar Eclipse viewing glasses will be provided to EVERY BULLDOG student and staff member for the August 21st Solar Eclipse on the first day of school!



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- *CISD Prepared to Protect Staff and Students for the Great American Solar Eclipse 2017*
- Backpack? Check! Lunch? Check! Safe Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses? Check!



Parents of students in the Colmesneil Independent School District can rest easy knowing that on the first day of school when the Solar Eclipse makes its big debut in Colmesneil, their children's eyes will be protected for safe viewing of the historic event.

The District was able to purchase more 500 ISO Certified Safe Solar Viewing Glasses to protect the eyes of students and staff, during the August 21 event, which also happens to fall on the first day of school.

While the first day of school is already an action-packed day, this is literally a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students and staff to experience such a thrilling phenomenon, This is the first total solar eclipse visible across the entire USA since 1918 and the next time it will be completely visible in the USA will be 375 years from now, in April 2392.

In Tyler County, eclipse watchers will see a partial eclipse of the sun. The partial eclipse will look like part of the sun is missing since the moon will cast a shadow on 68% of the sun. It will begin at 11:46 a.m. and continue until 2:45 p.m. with maximum viewing at 1:16 pm. The total solar eclipse will be seen in states north of Texas.

- Looking at the sun, without special glasses, during a total or partial eclipse is dangerous for the eyes. This is due to the intensity of the sun's ultraviolet radiation (UV rays) that can burn the retinas of the eyes. The sun's UV rays are much stronger during an eclipse, which could cause permanent eye damage.
- Although every classroom is different in terms of how and when they will go outside to view the eclipse, teachers have been equipped with information on viewing procedures and safety protocols and are prepared to take full advantage of this unique science lesson.