



# Newcomb Central School District

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Dear Newcomb Central School District Families,

Even though it feels like winter is hanging on, spring is just around the corner! As you're likely aware, a historic solar eclipse will occur on Monday, April 8th and we want to inform you that Newcomb Central School will be closed. Spring break will now be from March 29th through April 8th.

The district is required to have a minimum of 180 school days each year. However, we always build additional days into our school calendar in case we have to close for inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. To date, we have not used any of these days this year, thus enabling a "snow day giveback."

Please know that this decision has been made with the safety of our students as our top priority. The solar eclipse is a rare and exciting astronomical event, yet it presents challenges for safe dismissal and transportation as Newcomb is in the direct path of totality and the event will occur shortly after our regular dismissal times. It is unknown how many spectators may come to our town, therefore, it is in the best interest of our students to remain home on this day.

We encourage you to enjoy this unique event in town with your family. As always, thank you for your understanding and support.

For more information about the eclipse please visit

<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>

For safety information please visit:

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Respectfully,

Mrs. Christian Fisher  
Superintendent of Schools