



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, December 9, 2022

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We are very excited to present our K-8 School Holiday Show next Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

We appreciate your help in keeping everyone healthy at Newmark. Parents must continue to complete and submit a **Daily Wellness Screening** every morning before 8:00 AM via your PowerSchool Parent Portal. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe and healthy at Newmark.

Stay connected! Keep checking your email every week for important Parent Alerts and Friday Backpack News. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

December Menu and Flexible Meal Packs: [View](#) Lunch and Flexible Meal Packs options.

K-8 After School Clubs Session II: [View](#) Clubs & Programs - there is still time to register

School Portraits: If your child's school portrait was retaken this month, photos are now ready. Free shipping through 12/11/22. View instructions on photographer's [website](#). Questions or need your child's access code? Contact Peter Collura Photography directly at 908-228-5674 or email hi@iamacamera.net

Parent Counseling Night: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - To schedule a phone call, contact Colleen Reape-Fay at creapefay@newmarkeducation.com. Individual appointments for parents will be 30 minutes: 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 PM. K-8 Counselors: Cathleen M. George, LCSW; Ashlie E. Jernigan, MS, NCSP; Alyson Rentrop, LCSW

K-8 Holiday Show: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 -

- 10:00 AM - For students in Ms. Fagan/Ms. Halma, Ms. McCarty, Mrs. Necci and Mrs. Demko's classes
- 1:00 PM - For students in Ms. Greer, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni and Mr. Cebula's classes

Holiday Breakfast: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 - School-wide Holiday Breakfast Buffet is free for students and will be served at our regularly scheduled lunchtime. Breakfast includes Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Assorted Bagels & Muffins and Juice. Students can also opt to bring in their own lunch if they prefer.

Dress Down Day - Holiday Colors: Thursday, December 22, 2022 - Wear your favorite Holiday Colors!

Early Dismissal: Thursday, December 22, 2022 - For K-8 students dismissal at 12:45 PM

School Closed - Holiday Recess: Friday, December 23, 2022 - Monday, January 2, 2023 - School resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2023

2022 Annual Fund Appeal: Please consider Newmark as part of your year-end, tax-deductible giving plan. [How To Donate](#)

Community Service Fundraisers:

- **Community Service - Toy Drive:** Through Friday, December 9, 2022. Students will be able to use their School Store points to "purchase" toys from the School Store that can be donated to the Toy Drive. All toys will be donated to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth (Union County). They offer a wide range of services for the materially poor and homeless.

Spotlight: Thank A Teacher This Holiday Season!

During the holiday season, many families have expressed an interest in thanking the staff at Newmark K-8 School.

If you wish to express your gratitude to your child's teacher or one of the many staff members who make a positive impact on your child's life, please consider sending a tribute or donating to the [Newmark 2022 Holiday Fund](#) in their honor. Of course, there is no obligation to participate. **A simple personal "thank you note" from your child to their teacher is always appreciated!**

If you choose to donate to the Newmark Holiday Fund, these monies support teachers in planning creative and innovative projects for students. Please include a message so that we can share with the recipient(s) on your behalf. If you choose this option, the Holiday Fund ends Friday, December 16, 2022.

Here are some options if you choose to participate:

- Make a gift to the **Newmark Holiday Fund** to honor a teacher or staff member(s) with a special message.
 - Send a tribute or donate [online](#)
 - Send a tribute or donate by check payable to NextMark Foundation and return the [Holiday Acknowledgement Form](#)
- Send your child's teacher a **simple personal "thank you note"** or picture from your child.

From our "family" to yours, thank you, and Happy Holidays!

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