



# Winter 2022

# Newmark K-8 News

## Principal's Message



Nikola, Ms. Borea and Luca

Dear Parents,

Happy Holidays! What a wonderful couple of months it has been at Newmark K-8 School. During this holiday season, we began with our traditional Thanksgiving luncheon where students and staff sat down together and enjoyed turkey and all the fixings in preparation for the holiday break.

Our K-8 School is filled with holiday cheer and our classrooms enjoyed Christmas and Hanukkah stories and making decorations for the holiday tree in our Main Street hallway. In the spirit of giving, our Community Service Annual Toy Drive was a huge success. Our students donated their own School Store points to buy a toy for a child in need and all toys collected were donated to St. Joseph's Social Services Center in Elizabeth. We truly appreciate your generosity.

Bravo! Bravo! The spirit of the season was evident during our Holiday Show. Our Teachers, Assistants and Mr. Sykes did a wonderful job directing the students. The biggest cheer goes out to our students!!! Their performances were amazing. It takes courage to perform on stage in front of so many people and they were beaming with pride. It was so nice to see our families back onsite in attendance our Holiday Show.

It is a time to reflect and to make plans...a time that focuses on giving and caring. This time of season is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many blessings of the last year and look forward to another year filled with all kinds of ways to challenge each of us. I would like to thank all of our staff for a wonderful first half of the year and always striving for the best for our students.

I hope everyone has a joyous, healthy holiday season. The Newmark K-8 School continues to create a safe place for children to learn and grow. Enjoy those special moments with your family and friends this holiday season. Rest, relax and have fun and we will see you in 2023!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year filled with joy, good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Borea  
Principal

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### Newmark K-8 School:

Ms. Gina M. Borea  
Principal

Dr. Regina M. Peter &  
Ms. Cynthia Allman  
Executive Directors

# Spotlight News

## THANK YOU, NEWMARK PARENTS!

We'd like to take this chance to thank all of you who have been so generous this fall by contributing to the 2022 Newmark Annual Fund. We asked and you delivered! We had 60% parent participation in the campaign, one of the highest percentages.

Thanks to your amazing contributions, this year's Annual Fund raised nearly \$195,000 so that we can do what we do best – educating and providing emotional security for our Newmark families and students. The Annual Fund helps our educators provide the important educational and social skills building opportunities for all of our Newmark students. These programs would not be possible without the generous support of Newmark parents, family, staff and friends like you.

As always, we are so grateful for the many donations that directly impact your child's experience at Newmark. We couldn't do it without you! There is still time to make a year-end, tax deductible gift to the 2022 Newmark Annual Fund on our school website at <https://www.newmarkeducation.com/support/annual>

**Thank you for your generous support of Newmark!**

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# Have a great Holiday Recess!



# Spotlight News

## 2022 ANNUAL FUND DONORS

In recognition of all the Newmark families and friends who so generously donated to the 2022 Newmark Annual Fund.

Adamut Family  
The Alban Family  
Cynthia Allman  
Altschul Family  
Alvarez Family  
Bryan Alvites  
Anonymous  
Hannah and Dan Arnstein  
Aronow Family  
Sarah Aronow  
Arosemena Family  
Lillian Asante  
Josh Barbero  
The Bikofsky Family  
Borea Family  
Avery Breslauer  
David Bronson and Family  
Lisa Bronson  
Cannizzo Family  
Mary Shannon Carroll  
Edward & Angela Castagna  
Collins Family  
Collauto Family  
Milan Connolly  
Finn Dagan  
Jill Damesek  
D'Annunzio Family Foundation  
Delmonaco Family  
Dennis Family  
Dolinac Family  
Donoghue Family  
Douglas Family  
The Dudek's  
Eberle Family  
Andy Errico-Huttler & Family  
Esposito Family  
Fagioli Family  
Chloe Faller  
Farina/Saitz Family  
Joseph & Alyssa Figliano  
Chase Frauwirth  
Friedman Family  
The Gabriel Family  
The Glastal Family  
Cathleen George  
Giangrante Family  
Charlie Goldstein  
Marsha and Philip Goldwasser  
Guan Family

The Guenther Family  
The Higgins Family  
The Hobbs Family  
Hopkins Family  
Lisa and Timothy Hurckes  
The Ingato Family  
Inguanzo Family  
Insync Outsourcing Corporation  
Douglas Ives  
The Jain Family  
Kantor Family  
The Kendis Family  
Malachi Kiellar  
Kim Family  
The Kircher Family  
Brett Knepper  
Oliver Marchese LaIacona  
Julia Lanuez  
Reindle Law Family  
Laser and Skin Therapeutics, P.C.  
The Leisher Family  
The Lenehan Family  
Mackta-Smith Family  
Madovoy Family  
Jane Mannion  
Oliver Marchese & The Marchese Family  
Layla Marin  
Dustin Markey  
Rusty Marsh and Family  
The McCulloch Family  
Meola Family  
James and Anne Merriman  
The Miele Family  
Mittiga Family  
The Monat Family  
Nick Narcisi  
Jack Needham  
Michael Nichols  
Nixon/Hahne Family  
The Nussbaum Family  
Jake Ogg  
The Ortiz Family  
The Palmieri Family  
The Peter Family  
Sullivan Plitt  
Max Pressman  
Rannazzisi Family  
Ranney Family

Sharon Ratiner  
Deven Rausch  
Reilly Family  
Revaitis Family  
Elizabeth Ross  
RSI Foundation  
Rudnick Family  
Gabe Saindon Family  
Sansiveri Family  
Daniel Schroeck  
Schurter Family  
Sealey Family  
Bruce, Eric and Brian Shapiro  
The Shumofsky Family (Jordan, Joseph, Harrison and Max)  
Simoese/Merle Family  
Tyler Slavin Family  
Ian Sluke  
Sluke Family  
The Sullivan Family  
Sutorius Family  
Caden Swiatek  
The Tafurs  
Team Noah  
Flor de Maria and James Thomas  
Thompson Family  
Toth Family  
Valentine Family  
Venturelli Family  
Vierschilling Family  
Aiden Villar  
Sandra Vollero-Levy  
The Waldron Family  
Family of Joseph Wallin  
Lois P. Wallin  
Wallin Family  
Andrew Walton  
The Watts Family  
Andrew Wei & Family  
Mason Weisselberg  
The White Family  
Williams Family  
James Withum  
Zoba Family  
Kristen Zucker

# THANK YOU!



# Halloween



Rusty and Sean



Happy Halloween!



Lucy



Trick-or-Treating down Main Street



A Cat and Catwoman!



So much fun!



Great Costumes!



Parker, Coco, Reba, Ms. Barry and Gianna

# Community Service

Ms. Hartman

Newmark students have already been donating generously through Community Service. Students and staff purchased almost 100 blankets at our first event, Blankets of Hope. As a result of their generosity, so many homeless people will be a little warmer in these upcoming cold months. In addition to the blankets, students wrote heart-felt notes to accompany the blankets.

In the School Store, our first Community Service Drive for the animal shelter was a success. Students donated \$285 of their hard-earned dollars in School Store points to feed and enrich the lives of dogs and cats at the Plainfield Animal Humane Society. The current Toy Drive offers toys that will be donated to local children in need through St. Joseph's Social Service Center. Although the drive is not over yet, the students have already purchased many toys! In January we will begin the Military Drive.



*Xaiver, Isaiah and Mason at Blankets of Hope*

Pretzel sales have been a hit this year. In addition to enjoying delicious Philly Pretzels, students have been supporting the Newmark High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) program. The three sales so far have generated \$287 in proceeds. Upcoming sale is January 5, 2023.

Please be sure to check the Friday Backpack News and the Newmark Website for details on Community Service happenings.



*Moshe excited for his pretzel*



*Avery*



*Lars showing off his Blankets of Hope note*



# Counseling News

Ms. George, Mrs. Jernigan and Ms. Rentrop

The Counseling Department would like to share some important information about upcoming events and key dates for you to be aware of:

## Virtual Parent Counseling Nights

Counseling is an integral part of the student experience at Newmark School just as communication between home and school is an integral part of your child's education and well-being. To effectively share information concerning your child, we provide parents an opportunity to connect with the Newmark counselors on the second Tuesday of every month. We encourage you to schedule an appointment for one of our monthly counseling nights to discuss any issues or concerns you may have or just to touch base about your child's progress.

All counselor meetings will be held virtually via telephone. To schedule an appointment, please contact Colleen Reape-Fay at 908-753-0330 or by email at [creapefay@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:creapefay@newmarkeducation.com). Individual appointments are 30 minutes, and we have the following time slots available: 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 PM.

Our K-8 counselors are Ashlie Jernigan, MS, NCSP, Alyson Rentrop, LCSW, and Cathleen George, LCSW.

The dates for the 2023 school year are listed below:

- Tuesday, January 10, 2023
- Tuesday, February 7, 2023
- Tuesday, March 14, 2023
- Tuesday, April 18, 2023
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023
- Tuesday, June 13, 2023

## Community Connections PIN Program

The Community Connections PIN Program recognizes students who demonstrate personal and social growth by participating in meaningful community-based experiences. Community-based experiences can include the following categories:

Community Service, Sports, Volunteering, Music/Performing Arts, and Clubs (including Scouting).

Nominations can be submitted by a parent, teacher or member of the PIN Committee. Once the nomination has been approved, the student will receive a special pin commemorating their achievement with a ceremony in their honor.

PINS Program ceremonies occur two times per year (at the awards assemblies). PINS Form submission deadlines are:

- Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- Monday, March 20, 2023
- Monday, May 15, 2023

More information, and digital nomination forms, can be found on the Newmark Education website:

<https://www.newmarkeducation.com/our-schools/pins>



*PINs Ceremony November 2022*

# Save the **Dates**

## WINTER 2022 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming K-8 Student Socials

**K-8 Teen Afternoon:** For students in Mrs. Arnao/Ms. Greer, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni and Mr. Cebula's classes. From 2:45-4:30 PM. \$20 Fee - Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM.

- **Friday, January 20, 2023**
- **Friday, February 24, 2023**

**K-8 Kids Afternoon:** For students in Ms. Fagan/Ms. Halma, Ms. McCarty, Mrs. Necci and Mrs. Demko's classes. From 2:45-4:00 PM. \$20 Fee - Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM.

- **Friday, January 13, 2023**
- **Friday, March 31, 2023**

*See Friday Backpack News or website for Permission/Registration Forms.*

### Upcoming K-8 After School Clubs & Programs:

- **Session II: Ends January 26, 2023**
- **Session III: Begins week of February 13 through March 30, 2023**

### Save The Date!

**Newmark Celebrates The Arts – Annual Art Show: Friday, May 19, 2023 – Details coming soon**

*All dates subject to change.*

# Favorite Hat Day



The whole gang is here!



Awesome Hats!



Favorite Hat Day!



Strike a pose!



Sean and Sam



Russell, Mrs. Jernigan and Will



John, Andres and Ellie



David, Nicco, Tyler, Jake and Mr. Cebula



# Thanksgiving Luncheon



We love the Thanksgiving Luncheon!



Food and Friends



Giancarlo, Lars, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni and Coco



Ms. Manetta and Mason



Corry, Jason and Andres



Mrs. Demko's Class



Ryan, Sean, Owen F. and Andrew



# Students of the Month

OCTOBER



**Alton**, Ms. Fagan and Ms. Halma



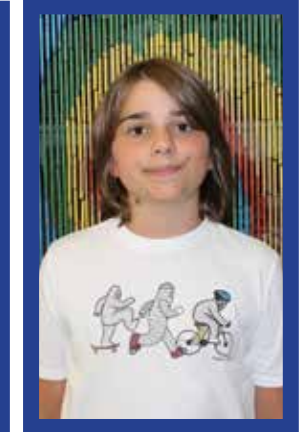
**Oliver**, Ms. Fagan and Ms. Halma



**Paolo**, Ms. McCarty



**Justin**, Mrs. Necci



**Will**, Mrs. Demko

NOVEMBER



**Malichi**, Ms. Fagan and Ms. Halma



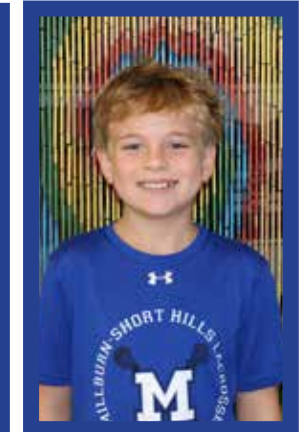
**Ben**, Ms. McCarty



**Anthony**, Ms. McCarty



**Henry**, Mrs. Necci



**Russell**, Mrs. Demko

DECEMBER



**Theo**, Ms. Fagan and Ms. Halma



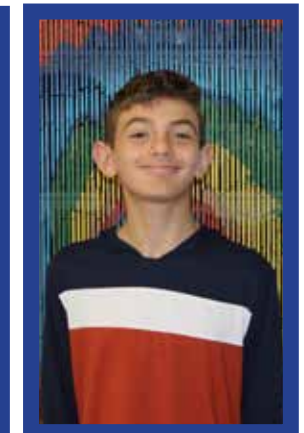
**Lillian**, Ms. McCarty



**Xavier**, Mrs. Necci



**Isaiah**, Mrs. Necci



**Moshe**, Mrs. Demko

## Congratulations!

# Students of the Month

OCTOBER



**Andrew**, Mrs. Arnao/  
Ms. Greer



**Owen F.**, Mrs. Arnao  
and Ms. Greer



**Corry**, Mr. Kerby



**Brett**, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



**David**, Mr. Cebula

NOVEMBER



**Owen L.**, Mrs. Arnao/  
Ms. Greer



**Anthony**, Mr. Kerby



**Ellie**, Mr. Kerby



**CJ**, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



**Moshe**, Mr. Cebula

DECEMBER



**Elijah**, Mrs. Arnao/Ms.  
Greer



**John W.**, Mr. Kerby



**Giancarlo**,  
Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



**Jordan**, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni



**Johnny**, Mr. Cebula

## Congratulations!



# Holiday Show



*Ms. McCarty's Class*



*The Tooth Fairy is here to help, Santa!*



*The 12 Pains of December*



*Revenge of the Snow People!*



*Holiday Crew Wrap Battle*



*The Night Hannukkah Saved Christmas*