



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, January 13, 2023

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We are so excited to bring back our **Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night on Friday, February 10, 2023 from 5:30-8:00 PM**. This popular school event brings Newmark K-8 and High School families together to share a meal. Tickets must be purchased in advance - *see details below*.

Newmark will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Just a reminder that parents must 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! Please start 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

Student Social - K-8 Kids Afternoon: Friday, January 13, 2023 - 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 must provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM

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

School Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 16, 2023

Community Connections PIN Deadline: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - [Learn more/Get tips](#) on how to earn PINS during COVID-19 and access nomination forms

Student Social - K-8 Teen Afternoon: Friday, January 20, 2023 - 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 - [View](#) Permission/Registration Form

K-8 After School Clubs - Session II: Ends by Thursday, January 26, 2023

Parent Transition Workshop: Thursday, February 2, 2023 - 7:00 PM onsite at Newmark. Open to all Newmark parents - "The DDD Process & Transition Support" presented by Equal Opportunity Support Services. The event is free but advance registration is required – [Register](#)

Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night: Friday, February 10, 2023 from 5:30- 8:00 PM - This popular school event will bring Newmark K-8 and High School families together for dinner and a chance to connect with other Newmark families. There will be fun activities for students. Parents are invited to bring a bottle of wine. Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$10 per child (18 and under) and includes dinner, beverages and dessert. *Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, February 3, 2023 - [Purchase](#) Tickets*

Save the Date: Newmark Annual Art Show - Newmark Celebrates the Arts: Friday, May 19, 2023

Community Service - Military Drive: Through Friday, February 10, 2023 - Students will be able to use their School Store points to "purchase" Military Drive items from the School Store. All donations will go to the N.J. Veteran's Memorial Home at Menlo Park in Edison, NJ.

FBLA Fundraisers: Help support the Newmark High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter. Students are raising money to participate in statewide conferences and leadership programs during the school year.

- **Coffee Cake Fundraiser:** Through Friday, February 17, 2023- Help support FBLA - Great coffee cake choices! [View](#) Coffee Cake Order Form

Spotlight: K-8 After School Clubs - Session III

Registration Now Open

Newmark K-8 School offers After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students. Activities are offered for 4 sessions, with each session running 6 to 9 weeks in length, noting days off due to holiday breaks.

How To Register:

- [View K-8 After School Clubs & Programs](#) for details, dates, format and prices.
- [Register online](#) to pay by credit card (\$3.00 fee), check payable to Newmark School or cash (Checks/cash can be sent in to Main Office).

Register early - space is limited!

SESSION III: Begins week of 02/13/23 through 3/30/23

FENCING | \$150 per session | MONDAYS | ONSITE

Session III: 2/13/23, 2/27/23, 3/6/23, 3/13/23, 3/20/23, 3/27/23 (no club 2/20/23 – Winter Recess)

Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mrs. Demko, Mrs. Arnao/Ms. Greer, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni and Mr. Cebula's classes. Minimum: 6 participants

Description: The sport of fencing is a unique and classic sport that helps develop discipline, balance, coordination and sportsmanship. Fencing also works on increasing reflex speed and the ability to make fast analysis of tactical situations which transfers to better problem-solving skills. Fencing is mentally challenging as it increases focus and concentration, allowing not a moment break ... earning its nickname "Physical Chess." The club will be taught by professional fencers from the Advanced Fencing and Fitness Academy (AFFA). Fencing is offered on Monday afternoons immediately following

dismissal and will end at **3:30 PM**. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 3:30 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions: Mr. Kraminitz – bkraminitz@newmarkeducation.com

ADVANCED ART PROGRAM | \$75 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE

Session III: 2/14/23, 2/21/23, 2/28/23, 3/7/23, 3/14/23, 3/21/23, 3/28/23

Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Ms. Halma, Ms. McCarty, Mrs. Necci and Mrs. Demko's classes Minimum: 6 participants

Description: Advanced Art offers your child a small group/one-on-one art classroom environment for them to grow and learn more about art and their drawing skills. The program focus will be on the technical skills of drawing and sketching. Students will practice drawing from life and review the elements of art along with the principles of design. The Advanced Art Program runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following after dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.

Questions: Mr. Sykes – jsykes@newmarkeducation.com

EXPERIMENT WITH SCIENCE PROGRAM | \$75 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE

Session III: 2/14/23, 2/21/23, 2/28/23, 3/7/23, 3/14/23, 3/21/23, 3/28/23

Open to students in Mrs. Arnao/Ms. Greer, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni and Mr. Cebula's classes. Minimum: 6 participants

Description: The objective of this club is for students to increase their interest and conceptual understanding of science through hands-on activities and experiments. Each session will cover different content areas, such as ecology, biology, chemistry and physics. The Science Program runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following after dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.

Questions: Ms. Greer - igreer@newmarkeducation.com

GAMER'S GUILD CLUB | \$75 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE

Session III: 2/15/23, 2/22/23, 3/1/23, 3/8/23, 3/15/23, 3/22/23, 3/29/23

Open to students in Mrs. Demko, Mrs. Arnao/Ms. Greer, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni and Mr. Cebula's classes. Minimum – 6 participants

Description: Students will be introduced to a variety of new games where they will develop an understanding of rules within an engaging and enjoyable environment. Students will work collaboratively through fantastical worlds like Dungeons and Dragons, as well as learn the value of partaking in friendly competition during card games. Gamers' Guild is offered on Wednesday afternoons immediately following after dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.

Questions: Ms. Finelli – jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

INTRAMURALS | \$75 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE

Session III: 2/15/23, 2/22/23, 3/1/23, 3/8/23, 3/15/23, 3/22/23, 3/29/23

Open to all K-8 students. Minimum – 10 participants

Description: The Intramurals Club is designed to allow all students to participate in a variety of activities with their friends, while learning game fundamentals in a fun and lightly competitive environment. Intramurals is offered on Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions: Mrs. Mastrogiovanni – smastro@newmarkeducation.com

MINECRAFT EDUCATIONAL CLUB | \$75 per session | THURSDAYS | VIRTUAL

Session III: 2/16/23, 2/23/23, 3/2/23, 3/9/23, 3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23

Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Ms. Halma, Ms. McCarty, Mrs. Necci and Mrs. Demko's classes. Minimum – 6 participants; Maximum – 15 participants

Description: Microsoft Minecraft is an educational game-based learning platform that promotes creativity, collaboration and problem-solving in an immersive digital environment. It enhances creativity, problem-solving, self-direction, collaboration and other life skills. Virtually, Microsoft Minecraft complements reading, writing, math, and even history learnings. Importantly, Minecraft also instills business principles, STEM knowledge and a global perspective. Before registering, please understand participating students must own the Minecraft and have it downloaded. Minecraft is offered virtually on Thursday afternoons and will run from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

Questions: Ms. McCarty – mmcarty@newmarkeducation.com

REGISTER FOR SESSION III

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