



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL  
**FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS**  
Friday, January 27, 2023

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Please see below for important information about the **2023 Extended School Year (ESY)** Program Eligibility for your child.

Final Grades for 2nd Marking Period (Q2) grades will be posted on your PowerSchool Parent Portal on Friday, January 27, 2023 after 3:00 PM. Report cards will not be mailed home.

If you haven't yet, don't forget to purchase your Newmark Spaghetti Dinner Tickets for Friday, February 10, 2023! *See details below.*

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

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

**NWEA Testing Begins:** Week of Monday, January 30, 2023

**Community Service Pretzel Sale:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 - \$1 each (2 max per student)

**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](#)

**We Need Your Help! Parent Volunteer Survey - 2023 Spring Events:** Please complete [Survey](#) by Friday, February 3, 2023, 2023

**Newmark School Spirit Week:** Begins Monday, February 6, 2023

**Parent Counseling Night:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 - To schedule a phone call, contact Colleen Reape-Fay at [creapefay@newmarkeducation.com](mailto: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

**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 to share a meal. The evening includes dinner and a chance to meet 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

**K-8 After School Clubs Session III Begins:** Week of February 13, 2023 - Still time to register! [View](#) Clubs & Programs to register

**Reminder! School Closed for Winter Recess:** Friday, February 17 and Monday, February 20, 2023

**Newmark Parent Seminar - How We Shape Behavior:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 - 6:30-8:00 PM at Newmark. Seminar is open to all parents and new parents are strongly recommended to attend. Event is free but registration is required by Monday, February 20, 2023 - [Register](#)

**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 Thursday, February 16, 2023 - Help support FBLA - Great coffee cake choices! [View](#) Coffee Cake Order Form
- **FBLA Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - K-8 students can participate in the Dodgeball Tournament to help raise money for the Newmark High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Cost is \$5 per student. [Read](#) Letter

## Spotlight: 2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Eligibility

Newmark K-8 School provides **Extended School Year Programs (ESY)** for our students who are eligible through your local school district. The Newmark ESY Program is taught by our highly skilled educators and should not be thought of as a summer camp. This program allows us to work on student's soft skills while maintaining academic readiness.

This year the program will run from **Thursday, July 6, 2023 through Friday, July 28, 2023**. In order to be eligible for ESY, it must be agreed upon by the IEP Team which includes you, your school district case manager and Newmark. The determination is made at the annual IEP meeting.

This year, as in past years, we require that parents and school districts confirm if their student will be attending ESY **no later than May 1, 2023**. We cannot guarantee placement into the ESY program after that date. Because your student attends Newmark does not make them automatically eligible for ESY. If your student attended last year, they should qualify. To clarify:

- If you have already had your IEP meeting and it was decided your student is attending ESY, then you don't need to do anything.
- If your IEP meeting is prior to May 1, 2023, eligibility will be determined at the meeting.
- If your IEP meeting is after May 1, 2023, we ask that you contact your case manager to discuss your student's eligibility with them and confirm with us by May 1, 2023.

There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this date as we need to plan classes, staffing, etc. Also, it is expected that your student will attend all four (4) weeks of the ESY program.

At this time, we plan on hosting ESY onsite with full days Monday through Thursday, with half day dismissal on Fridays.

**[VIEW](#) Letter from Dr. Peter and the 2023 Newmark ESY Calendar**

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