



NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, January 27, 2023

Dear Newmark High School Families,

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

Final Grades for 2nd Marking Period (Q2) 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.*

Just a reminder that 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

NHS Teen Night Social - iPlay America: Friday, January 27, 2023 - For all High School students - from 2:15-7:45 PM. Parents need to provide transportation home from Newmark promptly at 7:45 PM.

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

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

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 - Connect with your teen's school counselor via telephone each month. To schedule a 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. NHS Counselors: Cathleen George, LCSW; Nadene Murphy, LCSW; Adam Goldberg, Ed.M

For Juniors - Jostens Ring Virtual Presentation: Thursday, February 9, 2023 - Presentation for interested Juniors to order and size class rings. Seniors interested in ordering a class ring can email Mr. Kraminitz at BKraminitz@newmarkeducation.com.

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*

NHS 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.

- **FBLA Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - NHS 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
- **Coffee Cake Fundraiser:** Through Thursday, February 16, 2023 - Help support FBLA - Great coffee cake choices! [View](#) Coffee Cake Order Form

Spotlight: 2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Eligibility

Newmark High 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.

All High School students should attend ESY unless they have found employment or have an alternative plan that will support their transition out of high school. All positions must be secured by May 1, 2023.

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](#)

Newmark High School

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