



NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, September 8, 2023

Dear Newmark High School Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year! We are excited to welcome parents to several events this fall. Please mark your calendar for the **NHS Back To School Night** on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 and the **Newmark Fall Celebration** on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

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

Contacting the Main Office: Absence / Late Arrival / Early Pick Up

- To report a student absence, late arrival or early pick up during the 2023-24 school year, email absence@newmarkeducation.com or call the Main Office at 908-753-0330 by 8:00 AM each morning.
- If you are picking your student up at the end of the school day, contact the Main Office by 12:00 PM noon, otherwise the student will go home on the bus as planned.
- If your student will be late and ordering a school lunch, you must contact the Main Office by 8:00 AM. No lunch can be ordered after 9:00 AM per our catering company.

September Menu: [View](#) Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Pack options

Nut Allergy Notice: Help us keep all of our students safe at Newmark - [View](#) Notice from School Nurse

NWEA Testing Begins: Week of Monday, September 11, 2023

Mandatory New Parent Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 - 9:30 AM onsite Newmark, 1000 Cellar Avenue, Scotch Plains - *for new parents only*

Functional Living Skills Survey Due: All new NHS parents must completed a Functional Living Skills survey for your teen by Friday, September 15, 2023 - [Survey](#)

NHS After School Clubs - Session I: Begins week of September 18, 2023. Registration is now open - [View](#) Clubs & Programs to register.

NHS School Picture Day: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 - [View](#) details

NHS Back To School Night: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 - 5:30-8:15 PM - Event will be onsite at Newmark - [Read](#) Principal Letter

Save The Date! Fall Celebration: Saturday, October 14, 2023 - 3:00-5:30 PM for NHS families - *details coming soon*

Spotlight: Independent Practice (IP)

What is Independent Practice (IP)?

Newmark offers the opportunity for students to practice their academic skills away from the classroom. Independent Practice is given nightly. Independent Practice is important because it helps students develop and refine intellectual skills, develop into independent learners and nurture an identity as successful learners. The purpose of Independent Practice is to check whether the student understands a concept or skill; to practice a skill learned in class; to preview something he/she will learn in class soon and to review for a test or quiz.

How much IP should my teen get?

Research recommends the 10-minute rule for IP, which means that for whatever grade the student is in, they will receive 10 minutes of practice. Newmark High School students will receive no more than 90-120 minutes of Independent Practice per night.

Although Independent Practice is an informal assessment for feedback, all assignments are reviewed with an Independent Practice rubric and included within the course grade as a percentage of the grade for data tracking purposes. The IP rubric is discussed with students to provide guidance on assignment completion. Parents can view the IP rubric within the student's Schoology courses in the parent resource folder.

Newmark High School 2023-24 School Year - Fall 2023

Student Hours: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM
(Early Dismissal: 8:20 AM - 12:20 PM)

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