



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, September 15, 2023

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We strongly encourage all parents to attend the **K-8 Back To School Night** on Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 PM onsite at Newmark. *The event is for parents only. See below.*

For new and returning parents, please **keep checking your email weekly for Parent Alerts and your Friday Backpack News** or you may miss important school information impacting your child. Please contact forms@newmarkeducation.com if you aren't receiving any emails or have a new email. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

October Menu: [View](#) Lunch Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Packs options

K-8 After School Clubs - Session I: Begins week of September 18, 2023. Registration is

open - [View](#) Clubs & Programs to register.

Charity Dress Down Day - Wear Your Favorite Jersey Day: Friday, September 22, 2023

Student Social - K-8 Teen Afternoon: Friday, September 22, 2023 - For students in Mrs. Arnao, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Mastrogiovanni/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula's classes only. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:30-4:30 PM (unless noted). *Fee: \$25 per date and \$1 cash only snack.* - Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM - [View](#) Permission Form

K-8 School Picture Day: Thursday, September 28, 2023 - [Learn More](#)

K-8 Back To School Night: Thursday, September 28, 2023 - 6:00-8:00 PM - Event will be onsite at Newmark - [Read](#) Principal Letter

Middle School \$35 Book Fee Due: Friday, September 29, 2023 - Middle School students will be charged a \$35 mandatory book fee this fall for English Language Arts soft-cover novels purchased as part of the new school year curriculum. Students will be given a personal copy of assigned novels for classroom and home use. [Pay](#) Fee

Student Social - K-8 Kids Afternoon: Friday, September 29, 2023 - For students in Ms. Fagan/Ms. Shea, Ms., Halma, Mrs. Necci and Mrs. Demko classes only. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:30-4:00 PM. *Fee: \$25 per date and \$1 cash only snack.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM - [View](#) Permission Form

Counseling Parent Workshop "Your Child's Counseling Experience at Newmark - What Parents Need to Know": Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - Virtual (9:30-11:00 AM) **OR** Onsite at Newmark (6:00-7:30 PM). [Register](#) in advance

Newmark Fall Celebration: Saturday, October 14, 2023 - From 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM for K-8 families with outdoor games and activities. Refreshments will be served. Free admission for all Newmark families including siblings. *Details coming soon.*

Spotlight: 2023 Newmark Annual Fund Appeal

Every fall, we ask Newmark family and friends to consider making a donation to our Annual Fund to support the many innovative programs and services at Newmark.

A hallmark of Newmark's success is grounded in the long tradition of parental financial support for the programs that we provide. We are tremendously proud of our long legacy of donor support that literally built our school. The Annual Fund supports the very things that make Newmark an innovative educational environment. Every year our goal is 100% parent participation for all of our fundraising efforts.

This year, we are asking parents to help support the following initiatives:

- **The Writing Revolution Teacher Training:** Expert consultants from The Writing

Revolution will train Newmark classroom teachers on how to prevent academic failure in our reading and writing curriculum.

- **Prism Cutting Edge Math and Science Program:** Rollout of a new paradigm for math education developed by MIT graduate, Anurupa Ganguly. This program offers an experiential way for students to learn math and science (ages 12 and up). Prism VR uses hands-on models to visualize and interact with structure, as well as connecting 3D experiences to abstract representations like graphs, tables (2D) and equations / vocabulary (1D).
- **Transportation:** Purchase of a new van to safely transport our high school students to work experiences, job training and local community service projects.

If you value the innovative education and enriching experiences provided by Newmark for your child, please consider supporting the 2023 Newmark Annual Fund this year. **Every tax deductible gift counts.** Our goal is **100% Parent Participation!** **Please consider giving at least \$1 for every school day your child is at Newmark, or a total of \$180.**

On behalf of all the students at Newmark, we thank you for your support of the 2023 Newmark Annual Fund.

Please Consider A Gift Today!

NextMark Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization supporting Newmark Education and Teacher Training. We gratefully accept all major credit cards

Newmark K-8 School 2023-24 School Year (SY)

Student Hours

Student Hours - 8:45 AM – 2:30 PM
(Early Dismissal: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM)

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