



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL  
**Friday Backpack News**  
Friday, September 22, 2023

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

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

Reminder ... The 2023-24 Newmark K-8 Student Directory is now available on your Schoology Parent Portal.

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**

**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. Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM

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

**K-8 After School Clubs - Session I:** Ends by November 8, 2023. Registration is still open - [View](#) Clubs & Programs to register.

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

**Community Service Donuts for Dogs Bake Sale:** Thursday, September 28, 2023 - students can purchase donuts for \$1, max of 2 - Sign up to [contribute](#) items for sale

**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

**School Closed - Columbus Day:** Monday, October 9, 2023

**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. [Register](#)

**2023 Annual Fund Appeal:** Through Monday, October 30, 2023. We need your help to do what we do best - **educating and providing emotional and social connections for our families and students.** Every year our goal is **100% parent participation!** [How To Donate](#)

**Community Connection PIN Program:** Students earn individual recognition if they participate in a personally meaningful community-based experience. [Learn More](#) about the 2023-24 Program

## **Spotlight: Newmark Counseling Program** **Changes for the 2023-24 School Year**

Once per month, in lieu of Parent Counseling Night, we will provide an opportunity for parent education covering a range of topics and delivered in various formats. The monthly Parent Counseling Connection will occur on the second Tuesday of each month.

Parents can also expect to have more frequent contact with the counseling team as we will continually update you on the work our Wellness groups are doing and ask you to engage in the process by supporting us at home. *With the new counseling changes, teachers will be calling parents every two weeks this year, which will allow for more opportunities for the counseling team to communicate with you while respecting your busy schedules.*

Expansion of our existing initiatives will include monthly counseling themes and events, wellness activities and experiential social and emotional learning that will take place in school and in the community.

### **Upcoming Parent Workshops:**

**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

**Counseling Workshop "Public & Permanent - Keeping You Safe Online":** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 - Onsite at Newmark: 6:00-8:00 PM - *Registration details coming soon*

*Subject to change*

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**Newmark K-8 School 2023-24 School Year**

**Student Hours**

**Student Hours - 8:45 AM – 2:30 PM**

*(Early Dismissal: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM)*

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