

Winter 2023

NHS Newsletter



NEWMARK
High School



Seniors Jordan, Andrew D. and Tony at the Thanksgiving Feast

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As we wrap up 2023 and enter the Winter Holiday Break, I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who contributes to making Newmark High School an exceptional place. Our community is rich with diverse talents, and we share these gifts daily, especially with our students.

The past couple of months at Newmark High School have been truly wonderful. As we entered the holiday season, we kicked off with our traditional Thanksgiving luncheon, where students and staff gathered to enjoy a festive meal together, setting the tone for the upcoming break.

Holiday spirit has filled our high school, with students thoroughly enjoying the traditional student-run gift exchange. Embracing the spirit of giving, our Community Service Annual Toy Drive was a tremendous success. Students generously used their school store points to purchase toys for children in need, and all the collected toys were donated to St. Joseph's Social Services Center in Elizabeth. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

This season provides an opportunity for reflection and planning—a time centered around giving and caring. As we contemplate the many blessings of the past year, we eagerly anticipate another year filled with various challenges and growth opportunities. A heartfelt thank you to our staff for their dedication and commitment to providing the best for our students during the first half of the year.

The new year will usher in fresh learning experiences, new challenges, and new sources of enjoyment. I eagerly anticipate the future of our school community in 2024. I wish you all Peace, Joy, Hope, and Happiness during this holiday season and throughout the New Year. Take this time to rest, relax and have fun, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm wishes for a happy new year filled with joy, good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Borea
Principal



Juniors Jonas, Danny, and Josh at the Thanksgiving Feast

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Newmark High School:

Ms. Gina M. Borea
Principal

Dr. Regina M. Peter &
Ms. Cynthia Allman
Executive Directors

Spotlight News

THANK YOU, NEWMARK PARENTS!

We'd like to take this chance to thank all of you who have been so generous this fall by contributing to the 2023 Newmark Annual Fund. Every year our goal is 100% parent participation. To date, 56% of Newmark parents have participated. There is still time to make a year-end, tax deductible gift to the 2023 Newmark Annual Fund on our school website at <https://www.newmarkeducation.com/support/annual>

Thanks to your amazing contributions, this year's Annual Fund has raised just over \$115,000 so that we can do what we do best – educating and providing emotional and social connections for our families and students. The Annual Fund supports the very things that make Newmark an innovative educational environment with programs like The Writing Revolution Teacher Training and Prism Cutting Edge Math and Science Programs. These programs would not be possible without the generous support of Newmark parents, family, staff and friends like you.

As always, we are so grateful for the many donations that directly impact your teen's experience at Newmark. We couldn't do it without you!

Honor Roll Q1

SENIORS

Millia M.
Chloe M.
Lily R.
Tina-Marie A.
Keira C.
Andrew D.
Alexander G.
Anthony G.
William K.
Janie M.
Daniel M.
Jordan R.
Anna Celeste S.-O.
Michael S.
Caden S.
Ryan T.
Andrew W.

JUNIOR

Joshua B.
Daniel C.
Kyle D.
Lucas G.
Charles K.
Richard P.
Pranav S.
Aiden V.

SOPHOMORES

Matthew E.
Henry K.
William M.
Bryan A.
Finn D.
Logan H.
Gabriel M.
Layla M.
Ian S.
Jaydyn T.
Sam V.
Alexander V.

FRESHMEN

Nick K.
David A.
Parker B.
Daniel D.
Larsen G.
Justin K.
Moshe L.
Nolan M.
Michael N.
Jake O.
Sullivan P.
Christopher S.
Aviv S.
Tyler S.
Gianna S.
Giancarlo V.
Daven Z.

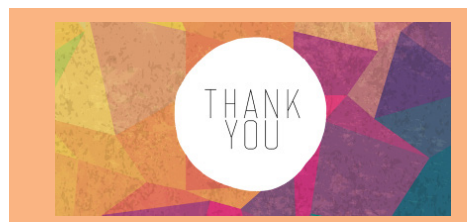
2023 Newmark Annual Fund Donors

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ALL THE NEWMARK FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED THE 2023 Newmark Annual Fund

Adamut Family
The Alban Family
Yedidyah Allen and Family
Alvarez Family
The Anderson Family
Hannah Arnstein
Arosemena Family
Josh Barbero
The Bevan Family
Val and George Boczon
Borea Family
Caden Greenberg Brecher
Bronson Family
Daniel Cannizzo
Castle Family
Reba Collins
Ryan Curry
D'Annunzio Family Foundation
Ella Darling
Delmonaco Family
Dolinac Family
Marcia and Matthew Douglas
Kyle Durko
Eberle Family
The Eldridges
Andy Errico Huttler & Family
Esposito Family
Essert Family
Fagioli Family
Faller Family
Team Noah
Myles Fitzpatrick's Family
Flyer Zawila Family
Foerster Family
Liam Friedman
Alexander Gabriel
Dorrie and Brian Gagnon
Gallo Family
Giangrante Family
The Glastal Family
Charlie Goldstein
Marsha and Phil Goldwasser
Green Family
Jason Guan
Guenther Family
Hopkins Family
Inguanzo Family
Insync Outsourcing Corporation

Douglas Ives
Jain Family
James T Murray Photography
Jammin' Jenn Music Therapy
Henry Kantor
Kantor Family
Kendis Family
The Kircher Family
Kristiansen Family
Charlie Kunken
Blaise Lacovara
Lanza Family
Family of Owen Law
The Leishers
The Lenehan Family
Anthony Leo
The Lippin Family
Lopez Family
Mannion Family
La Iacona Family
Oliver Marchese
Emily Marchese
Marin Family
Dustin Markey
Chloe McCulloch
Jason McEvoy
Meola Family
The Merrimans
Milliken Family
Brad & Chantal Milliken
The Monat Family
Daniel Monfleur
Asher Movva
Nicholas Narcisi
Michael Nichols
Niewinski Family
Sienna O'Brien
Jake Ogg
The Family of Andres Ortiz
The Palmieri Family
Jesse Pastrano
The Peter & McCreesh Family
Brian and Ning Pollak
The Pollak Family
Max Pressman
The Reilly Family
Revaitis Family
The Beth Ross Family

Rudnick Family
Jaiden Ruiz
Gabe Saindon Family
The Saitz Family
Anthony Sansiveri
Jordan & Amy Schechter
Walter Schultz
Sealey Family
Aviv Shachar
Pranav Shankar
Bruce, Eric and Brian Shapiro
Tyler Slavin Family
The Sloan Family
Ian Sluke
Curtis Smith
The Stentebjerg-Olesen Family
The Stricchiola Family
The Sullivan Family
Sutorius Family
Caden Swiatek
Switzer Family
T&L Catering
Jim & Flor de Maria Thomas
Thompson Family
Toth Family
Valentine Family
Venturelli Family
The Verrios Family
Vierschilling Family
Aiden Villar
Sandra Vollero-Levy
Elizabeth Volynets
The Waldron Family
June Pollak Wallace
Joseph Wallin
The Watts Family
Andrew Wei & Family
Mason Weisselberg
Alten Williams
Ethan Yam
Benjamin Ye



Community Service

Ms. Hartman



Jake was very excited about his cupcake!

Our specialty fundraisers were such a hit last year that we have added more! Our first event, *Donuts for Dogs*, raised an amazing \$400! All of the donuts were donated by our parents, so every dollar went directly to the Plainfield Area Humane Society. Our second event, *Cookies for Cops*, raised \$350 and is going to Scotch Plains PBA 87 to enrich the lives of our local police force. Proceeds from *Kupcakes for Kids*, our December event, totaled \$250 and will be donated to Imagine, an organization that offers free grief counseling. Please watch for more events in 2024 and thank you to all our incredibly generous parents, these sales are so successful because of your donations and support!

Newmark students have donated generously in the school store. Our Animal Drive benefited Plainfield Animal Humane Society and Cause 4 Paws. Students donated \$326 of their hard-earned dollars in school store points to feed and enrich the lives of shelter dogs and cats! The current drive offers toys that will be donated to local children in need through St. Joseph's Social Service Center. In January we will begin the Military Drive.

Pretzel sales have been a hit this year. In addition to enjoying delicious Philly Pretzels, students have been supporting the high school's Future Business Leaders of America program. The sales so far have generated \$174 in proceeds. The next sale will be January 10, 2024.

Students purchased blankets for the December Blankets of Hope Community Service project. Students wrote heartfelt notes and attached them to the blankets. Nearly 100 blankets were distributed by the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

We are excited to bring back donation drives. In January, we will have our first drive, "Soup for Superbowl." For two weeks, students will be invited to bring in cans of soup that will be donated to local food pantries.

Thank you again for all your support and please be sure to check the Friday Backpack News and the Newmark Website for details on Community Service happenings.



Roman, Elias and Sydney at the cupcake table.



Marek went for chocolate.



Aubrey, rocking her Newmark orange.

Halloween



Sullivan and Mr. D, twinning!



Henry or Ken? You decide.



Dr. Luna, Nurse Carroll and Ice!



Chloe's wood chipper stole the show!



Ian with his mini-me!



Logan, looking for a milkshake!



Parker and Reba, expressing their creativity!



Keira was practically perfect in every way!



We found Michael!

Student **Activities**



NHS students were full of interesting questions for Ricardo Riog at the Human Rights Assembly.



Mrs. Chapman, Ricardo Riog and Ms. Allman



Kean University Artist Ricardo Riog



Sullivan, Jake and Mr. Anton



Giancarlo, Mr. Walton, Parker and Mrs. Loper



Mr. Rose, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Sagarese and Ms. Hartman



Giancarlo and Parker at the feast



Noah and Mrs. Dobish



Richard, working on as art project

Counseling News

Ms. George, Mr. Goldberg & Mrs. Murphy

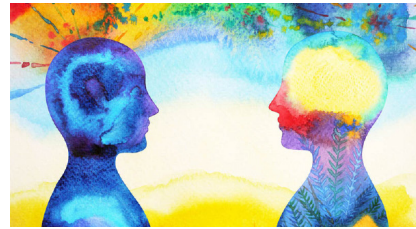
Hello Newmark Families!

We have had a terrific first marking period and our students are achieving great things both in and out of school. Through our Community Connections PIN Program, we have already received several nominations for students who are doing terrific work in their communities and accomplishing notable personal goals. As always, we are so impressed, but not at all surprised, by their achievements. We look forward to acknowledging them at our awards ceremony in February and sharing details about their efforts with you in our next newsletter.

We encourage all Newmark students to engage in community-based experience and set person-

al goals that they are working toward outside of school. We look forward to hearing more about their achievements throughout the year. The deadline for nominations, to be recognized at our first awards ceremony, is January 12, 2024.

More information, nomination deadlines and digital nomination forms, can be found on the Newmark Education website.



Winter Announcements

Upcoming NHS Teen Nights:

For all High School students - \$25 fee, parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 7:45 PM - See Friday Backpack News or website for Permission Forms.

Friday, January 26, 2024 – iPlay America (2:15-7:45 PM pickup from Newmark)

Upcoming NHS After School Clubs & Programs:

- Session II: Ends February 1, 2024
- Session III: Begins week of February 12 through March 28, 2024
- Session IV: Begins week of April 15 through May 30, 2024

See Friday Backpack News or website to Register

Save The Dates!

Parent Transition Workshop - “FAFSA 2024-25”: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 - 7:00 PM onsite at Newmark. Recommended for parents of 11th & 12th graders - *Registration coming soon*

Parent Transition Workshop - “Building Resilience In Our Kids”: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - 7:00 PM on-site at Newmark. *Registration coming soon*

Annual Spaghetti Dinner - Friday, February 9, 2024 – *Details coming soon*

Parent Counseling Workshop - “Public & Permanent - Keeping You Safe Online”: Tuesday, March 12, 2024. *Registration coming soon*

NHS Spring Semi-Formal - Friday, April 12, 2024 – *Details coming soon*

Newmark Celebrates The Arts – Annual Art Show: Friday, May 17, 2024 – *Details coming soon*

All dates subject to change.



FBLA, CBI & Project Adventure

FBLA

The Newmark High School Future Business Leaders of America is ramping up for the school year. The FBLA is thankful to all the students from Newmark High School and K-8 that participated in the Fall Ga-Ga Tournament. Due to their enthusiastic participation, FBLA raised over \$400.

Also, a big thank you to all the people who bought wreaths during our annual Holiday Wreath Sale. Students are preparing for the upcoming Regional Competitions that take place in in late November. The FBLA State Conference in Atlantic City is scheduled to be held on March 11-13, 2024.



FBLA member Gabriel M. with a holiday wreath



Sophomores on their trip to Gravity Vault in Chatham

Community-Based Instruction

On Belay!

Sophomores were fortunate to take a trip to the Gravity Vault in Chatham on Thursday, December 14, 2023. Climbing is a great team-building activity because it is essential for the climber and the belayer to use clear communication and to trust one-another.

Project Adventure

On Tuesday, October 25, 2023 high school students participated in Newmark's quarterly Project Adventure day, experiencing a curriculum designed to create opportunities for participants to stretch, problem-solve, face the unexpected, communicate, examine their own assumptions, connect with others and grow as individuals.

In an elimination activity called 'Werewolves of Newmark', students were tasked with communicating effectively and deciphering nonverbal cues while taking on secret roles and trying to figure out each other's assigned characters.

Students did a great job of using their observation skills and creativity to come up with different ways to try to read others' body language to detect deception and create unique roles for themselves. Participants had the opportunity to discuss their roles in the group, triumphs, frustrations, obstacles and observations all together during a debriefing session following the activities. Students had a great time and have already requested that this activity be repeated in future Project Adventure days.