



## NHS End of Year Newsletter 2024

**NEWMARK**  
High School

# NEWMARK NEWS



Jordan R. and Ms. Borea at the End of Year Awards Ceremony

Dear Parents,

This year at Newmark High School has been incredible, filled with achievements and exciting events. Summer officially begins after our early dismissal on June 19, 2024 but let's take a moment to look back on the last several months!

**Staff Appreciation Day:** Our amazing staff was treated to a delicious luncheon provided by our wonderful parents. It was a day filled with appreciation, featuring tasty food, thoughtful gifts and a special book for each staff member. We are incredibly grateful for your dedication and support!

**Showcasing Artistic Talent:** The Annual Newmark Art Show on May 17 was a dazzling display of our students' artistic talents. Thanks to Mrs. Brower, Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Anton for selecting such fantastic pieces! The high schoolers were especially proud to showcase their work.

**Field Day Fun:** Mr. Boulanger deserves a round of applause for organizing a phenomenal field day! Students enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, delicious food, and fun classroom games. The Seniors took first place (bragging rights before graduation!), followed by the Sophomores, Juniors and Freshman.

**Awards Assembly:** We held our annual awards assembly acknowledging students' achievements inside and outside the classroom. We were especially proud to have the Miele Family present the inaugural Matthew Miele Scholarship to a deserving Senior, Jordan R.

**World's Fair Day:** We kicked off May with a "World's Fair" event, a unique and fun experience for students of all ages. Students collaborated with K-8 classrooms to showcase their assigned countries, fostering a sense of community and cultural exploration. This was a fantastic event, and we look forward to making it a tradition.

**Senior Send-Off:** Our graduating class of 2024 is truly a unique group and will be dearly missed. They enjoyed a fun Senior beach trip on June 6, and on June 17 celebrated with a beautiful graduation ceremony. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Thank You! An enormous thank you to our dedicated staff for another incredible year. Your endless energy, skills and passion for our students are truly appreciated.

To our amazing parents, thank you for your continued support and for making this year so wonderful. We are so grateful to be part of such a supportive community. Looking Ahead: Report cards for the final marking period will be available on Wednesday, June 19 after 3:00 PM. We're also excited to kick off our ESY program on July 1! We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and welcoming our incoming 9th graders! We wish all our students a safe, relaxing and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

Gina M. Borea  
Principal

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### Newmark High School:

Ms. Gina M. Borea  
Principal

Dr. Regina Peter &  
Ms. Cynthia Allman  
Executive Directors

# 4th Quarter Counseling Newsletter

## Community Connections PIN Program

We want to congratulate the following students who earned PINs during the second half of the school year. These students were honored at our Awards Assembly in June.

**Parker B.** – Advanced Dance Classes

**Lucas G.** – Volunteer for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Board of Trustees

**Giancarlo V.** – Youth Ambassador for Center for Youth Voice Youth Choice

We celebrated all students who received PINs throughout the year at our Community Connections PIN Reception and breakfast. Congratulations to all on their efforts and accomplishments!

We encourage all of our students to engage in their community activities during their time off in the summer and we can't wait to hear about their experiences!

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



Lucas G., Parker B. and Giancarlo V.

## NHS Community Connections Volunteer Program

During the fourth marking period, NHS students continued to volunteer in the K-8 Friday Enrichment Classes, in the café, in the Main Office, with the facilities department and with the Speech and Occupational Therapy teams.

In total, we had 20 NHS student volunteers in 16 different positions throughout the school. They all did such a great job that we look forward to expanding these roles during the next school year. Thank you to all our student volunteers!



The Switzers and the Canizzos

We hope you all have a safe, relaxing and healthy summer!



PIN recipients



Johnny R., Ms. Zucker and Giancarlo V.

# SPOTLIGHT NEWS

## BRINGING NEW PERSPECTIVES TO A NEW LEVEL!

The 2024 Newmark Art Show was exceptional this year as parents, students, teachers, staff and friends of Newmark came together to enjoy a magical event. We are so grateful for the generous support from parents to make this event possible.

"Parents were blown away by the variety, depth and technique shown by the Newmark student artists," commented Ms. Allman, Executive Co-Director. "Every year, students surpass the level of creativity. The quality this year was outstanding."

Thank you to all the Newmark students, parents, teachers, staff, friends and family who came together in May to celebrate the inspiring artistic achievements of Newmark students. In addition to honoring the artist contributions of our students, the Art Show is one of Newmark's largest fundraisers, raising nearly \$35,000. All proceeds will help continue to fund the innovative arts program at Newmark as well as art experiences for students next year.

Most importantly, this event could not have been possible without the generous sponsors and donors who help keep the arts alive at Newmark! A huge congratulations to all the student artists and Newmark art teachers extraordinaire Newmark High School's Mrs. Kathryn Brower, along with Mr. Walter Rodriguez and Mr. John Anton, and to Mr. Jonathan Sykes at Newmark K-8 School.

If you appreciate the Arts at Newmark, it's not too late to be a Newmark Arts Supporter! Visit <https://www.newmarkeducation.com/ways-to-give/art-show-2024/support-the-arts>



## 2024 NEWMARK ART SHOW SPONSORS

A very special thank you to our generous sponsors who made this year's Art Show possible!

### ART CONNOISSEUR - \$5,000

O'Toole Scrivo, LLC

### CURATOR - \$2,500

D'Annunzio & Sons, Inc  
Hackensack Meridian Health  
Mandel, Fekete & Bloom CPAS - Frank L.  
Fekete, Managing Partner

### DESIGNER - \$500

Cates Electric Corp.  
Cullari Carrico LLC  
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Esposito Family  
Giangrante Family  
Insync Outsourcing Corporation  
The Kendis Family

### ARTISAN - \$250

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The Brower Family  
Darling Pools, LLC  
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for Children LLC  
JCC of Central NJ  
The Kantor Family  
Leash Legends, LLC  
Marin Family  
The Schultz Family  
The Verrios Family  
Sandra Vollero-Levy

# Summer Tips from Nurse Carroll

As our school year comes to an end and summer break begins, it is a good time to have your child get their annual physical from their doctor. If your child wants to participate in one of our sports teams this fall they would need a sports physical from their physician. The sports physical forms can be found on our website. Please note: the NJDOE has changed some of the procedures and forms.

Also, as summer begins, so does outdoor grilling and picnics. A critical part of healthy eating is keeping foods safe. Individuals in their own homes can reduce contaminants and keep food safe by following safe food handling practices. Four basic food safety principles work together to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses - Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill. Below are 10 tips to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses.

**1. Clean** - Wash hands with lukewarm water and soap. Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub for 20 seconds, rinse thoroughly and dry with paper towel, then use paper towel to turn off faucet. Do this before and after handling food.

**2. Sanitize surfaces** - Wash with hot soapy water, Clorox wipes or a solution of 1 tbsp. unscented liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water.

**3. Clean sweep refrigerated foods once a week** - Cooked leftovers should be discarded after 4 days; raw poultry and ground beef after 1-2 days.

**4. Keep appliances clean** - Clean inside and out of appliances. Pay particular attention to buttons, knobs and handles where cross contamination to hands can occur.

**5. Rinse produce** - Rinse fresh vegetables and fruits under water just before eating, cutting or cooking. Even if you peel or cut the produce, it is important to thoroughly rinse to prevent microbes from transferring from the outside to the inside.

**6. Separate foods when shopping** - Place raw seafood and meats in plastic bags. Store them below ready-to-eat foods in the refrigerator.

**7. Separate foods when preparing and serving** - Always use a clean cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw seafood and meats. Never place cooked foods back on the same plate or cutting board that previously held raw food.

**8. Cook and Chill** - A food thermometer should be used to ensure that food is safely cooked.

**9. Cook food to safe internal temperatures** - One effective way to prevent illness is to check the internal temperature of seafood, meat, poultry and egg dishes. Cook all raw beef, pork, lamb and veal steaks, chops and roasts to a safe minimum temp of 145F. For safety and quality, allow meat to rest for 3 min. before carving or eating. Cook all raw ground beef, pork, lamb and veal to 160F. Cook all poultry, including ground turkey and chicken to 165F.

**10. Keep foods at safe temperatures** - Hold cold foods at 40F or below. Keep hot foods at 140F or above. Foods are no longer safe to eat when they have been in the danger zone between 40-140F for more than 2 hours (1 hour if the temperature was above 90F).

**STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY AND  
KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS**





# Announcements

## 2024-2025 School Forms Reminder

If you haven't yet, please log on to your PowerSchool Parent Portal to view, update and submit your teen's 2024-25 School Forms. To access, select "School Forms (2024-2025)" under Main Menu.

Please visit the school website to view ESY/SY Checklists, additional medical forms and resources at <https://www.newmarkeducation.com/current-parents/forms-2024-25>

### Important Extended Form:

- If your teen is attending ESY: **Final Deadline Extended to Friday, June 21, 2024**
- If your teen will return in the Fall: **Final Deadline Extended to Friday, June 21, 2024**

## End of Year Parent Communication

Thank you for checking your email every week to view Newmark Parent Alerts and Friday Backpack News. Our goal is to provide our busy families with a convenient, concise update of school news, what's coming up and links to important school information. We will continue sending Parent Alerts and Friday Backpack News to families participating in the Extended School Year (ESY) in July. Otherwise .... be on the lookout for Parent Alerts and Friday Backpack News starting up again in August.

### When to expect your next Friday Backpack News:

- If your teen is attending ESY: Begins Friday, June 21, 2024
- If your teen will return in the Fall: Begins Friday, August 23, 2024

### 2024 Extended School Year (ESY) Dates:

Monday, July 1 – Friday, July 26, 2024

(School Closed – July 4th Holiday: July 4 & 5, 2024 and early dismissal on Wednesday, July 3 at 12:20 PM)

### Newmark High School ESY Hours:

Mondays-Thursdays: 8:20 AM - 2:05 PM

Fridays: 8:20 AM - 12:20 PM (Half Days/Early Dismissal)

# Community Service & FBLA

## FBLA Update

As the school year draws to a close, the Newmark FBLA experienced a successful year. We would like to thank everyone who generously donated to support our FBLA members. FBLA sponsored several fundraising events throughout the year. We began with the Ga-Ga Tournament in October which was followed by our annual Holiday Wreath Sale. We then had the FBLA-sponsored Dodgeball event and finished our fundraising with Grandma's Coffee Cake Sale.

All of the fundraisers this year helped our students attend the yearly FBLA State Conference in Atlantic City in March. Newmark had six students compete this year. Seniors Daniel M., Anthony G. and Lily R. competed as a team in Website Design. Senior Jordan R. competed in Advertising. Sophomore, Gabriel M., competed in Graphic Design and Freshman, Giancarlo V., competed in Digital Animation.



*Soles for Souls*



*Pay to Play*



*School Store Drive*



*Book Smiles*

## Community Service End-of-Year Summary Ms. Hartmann

I cannot say enough about our amazing parents, students and staff. This has been an outstanding year for Community Service at Newmark. Every event was met with support and enthusiasm by all.

In the School Store, students used their school points to “purchase” items valued at \$1,522. They supported veterans, animals, individuals who are food insecure, babies and underprivileged children. Our specialty bake sales were a huge hit, raising \$1,795 and supporting seven different organizations, including Plainfield Area Humane Society, Scotch Plains PBA 87, Imagine, Book Smiles, The Raine Foundation, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ and more.

Our pretzel sales helped students to participate in the Future Business Leaders of America competitions by raising \$510. We also had two drives, collecting almost 400 items including food for our local pantries and shoes for Soles 4 Souls.

Our final event was Cards for Hospitalized Kids where students wrote over 150 cards to brighten the lives of children who are in the hospital. Please be sure to check the Friday Backpack News and the Newmark Website for details on Community Service happenings. Thank you for all your continued support!

# Athletics

## Track and Field



Gabe M., Logan H., Jane M., Marek A., Lily R., Noah F., Charlie K., Jordan R., Dan M., Parker B., Dan C., Layla M. and Max P.



Lily R. and Layla M.

On May 16, 2024 Newmark hosted its 11th Annual Track and Field Meet at Oak Ridge County Park in Clark. Newmark, along with five other schools, competed in various track and field events.

Top performers on the day included Jordan R. who won four medals and was heralded as the Top Performing Boy for the entire meet. Daniel M. also had a great day winning three medals, including gold in the Shot-put. Parker B. won 3 silver medals and a bronze and was narrowly beat out for Top Girl Performer of the day by 2 points.

Newmark finished second overall in the team standings behind a strong showing from Sage Day School from Rochelle Park. Over seventy athletes competed on the day with over 90 medals and trophies being won.

## Soccer Tournament



Our soccer team had a great day on the pitch!



Newmark soccer team going for the goal!





# Spring Semi-Formal



*The whole crew having a grea time at the dance!*



*Sam V., Elias A. and Beth R.*



*Michael S., Chloe M., Parker B., Layla M. and Keira C.*



*Jane M. and Marek A.*



*Chaperones can have fun, too!*



*Jane M., Henry K. and Bryan A.*



*Everyone was having an awesome time dancing!*



*Students had a great time at the dance!*

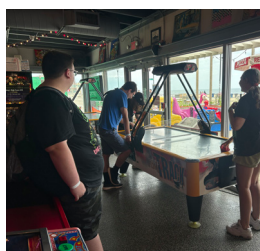


*Layla M.*



# Senior Spotlight

Seniors spent a fun-filled day out of the school for the day on Thursday, June 6, 2024. They started their day in Sandy Hook, taking in the sights and breathing in the fresh, salty sea air. They then traveled by bus to Asbury Park, where they walked along the boardwalk and spent some well-deserved leisure time playing in the arcade and enjoying each other's company.



Ryan T., Michael S. and  
A.C. S.-O. in the arcade



Jordan and Tony at Sandy  
Hook



Some of the Seniors enjoying the sunshine and  
ocean breeze at Sandy Hook

## 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

### Seniors:

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

### Juniors:

Josh B.  
Daniel C.  
Kyle D.  
Lucas G.  
Charlie K.  
Henry P.  
Richard P.  
Pranav S.

### Sophomores:

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

### Freshmen:

Nick K.  
Jake O.  
David A.  
Parker B.  
Nicco D.  
Lars G.  
Alex J.  
Emma K.  
Mo L.  
Nolan M.  
Michael N.  
Sullivan P.  
Johnny R.  
C.J. S.  
Aviv S.  
Tyler S.  
Curtis S.  
Gianna S.  
Giancarlo V.  
Daven Z.

# Field Day



Field Day fun



Limbo!



Watermelon eating contest



Sophomores working together



Seniors chilling in the shade



Water balloon toss



We are so lucky to have fun planners!

Newmark High School students had a great time on May 24 participating in a favorite annual Newmark tradition - Field Day! There were lots of fun and challenging activities, and even perfect weather! The competition was fierce ... but the **Seniors** won!



# World's Fair

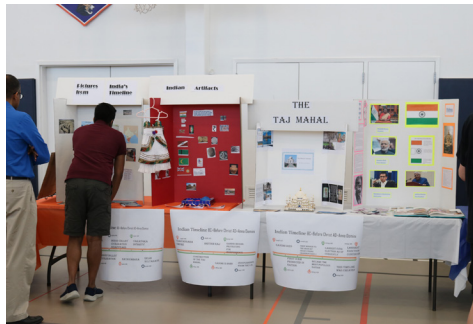
On May 29, 2024, the Newmark Schools held their first World's Fair. Students, parents, and staff had the opportunity to travel around the world to explore new cultures, learn about the rich histories of many countries, and sample new and interesting foods. Students began preparing their projects and working together with their partner classes months in advance and were able to participate in an individualized and differentiated fashion. It was a collaborative effort between our K8 and High School classrooms, and it was an amazing day of learning, eating and celebrating the differences of countries from around the globe.



*The World's Fair 2024 took place in the gym*



*"Canada"*



*"India"*



*"Spain"*



*"Japan"*



*"China"*



*"Ireland"*



*Giancarlo V. visiting "Italy"*



*Students sampling Mrs. Gregory's food selections*

# Graduation

*Monday, June 17, 2024*



*Congratulations Class of 2024!*



*Jordan R.*



*Anthony G., Michael S. and Jordan R. addressing the graduates*



*Daniel M. receiving his diploma*



*Anna-Celeste S.-O.*



*Lucas P. receiving his diploma*



*Mr. Pearson, Mrs. Loper and Mr. Walton address the graduates*



*The turning of the tassels!*