



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, August 30, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Happy Labor Day Weekend on behalf of the Newmark staff! We are excited to see your child at Newmark on Thursday, September 5, 2024 for the first day of school!

Be on the lookout for important Newmark Updates before school begins:

- **Executive Director Parent: What to Expect this Fall at Newmark - Sunday, September 1, 2024**

We appreciate your support to help streamline our communication process at Newmark. **We strongly encourage you to 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

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

- To report a student absence, late arrival or early pick up during the 2024-25 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 child up at the end of the school day, contact the Main Office by 12:00 PM, otherwise the student will go home on the bus as planned.
- If your child 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.

2024-25 School Safety: The safety and welfare of our students and staff are our highest

priority at Newmark. As you entrust us with your child, please know the safety and security measures that are in place. [View](#) Safety Letter

2024-25 Food Allergy Notice: Help us keep all of our students safe at Newmark - [View](#) Notice from School Nurse

2024-25 Newmark School Year Checklist: [View](#) School Year Checklist for more information and additional forms as needed: Medical Release, Free & Reduced Lunch and more. Questions? forms@newmarkeducation.com

2024-25 Sports Participation Update: Newmark requires all Middle School students participating in athletic activities (basketball) during the 2024-25 School Year to have current physical and required forms on file in the school nurse's office before a student can participate in any practice or competition. [View](#) Sports Physical Forms

K-8 Summer Reading Program 2024: Over the summer vacation we would like our students to continue to read in order to enhance their reading skills and complete projects. [View](#) K-8 Summer 2024 Reading

September Menu: [View](#) Lunch and Flexible Meal Packs options

2024-25 K-8 School Year Calendar: [View](#)

First Day of School: Thursday, September 5, 2024 - School begins at 8:45 AM for K-8 students

Mandatory New Parent Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 - 9:30 AM - *for new parents only*

Newmark K-8 School Picture Day: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 - [Learn more](#)

Newmark K-8 Back To School Night: Thursday, September 26, 2024 - *details coming soon*

Spotlight: Newmark K-8 After School Clubs & Programs

Registration is Open for Session I

Newmark K-8 School is excited to offer 2024-25 After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students. Activities are offered for 4 sessions, with each session running 6 to 9 weeks in length, noting days off due to holiday breaks.

How To Register:

- [Register online](#) to pay by credit card (\$3.00 fee), check payable to Newmark School or cash (Checks/cash can be sent in to Main Office on September 5, 2024)
- Register early - space is limited!

Session I: Begins week of September 16 through November 6, 2024

- **If Club is Onsite:** Clubs or Programs will begin directly after school and end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking up their child promptly at dismissal.
- **If Club is Virtual:** Clubs or Programs will start at 3:30 PM via Microsoft Teams invite and will end at 4:30 PM.

ARTISANAL PROJECTS | \$100 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE

Session I: 9/17/24, 9/24/24, 10/1/24, 10/8/24, 10/15/24, 10/22/24, 10/29/24, 11/5/24
Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min 6 participants, max 12 participants

Description: Artisanal Projects is an opportunity for your child to learn a skill while creating something that uses the concept of functional art. Functional art is an art project that can be used for a specific purpose. This club offers projects that are long-term based

and easy for all levels. Students will learn the skill of no-sew blankets and pillows, popsicle stick vessels, beading and jewelry, among other awesome creative projects. This would be the perfect club for a student who loves working with their hands, creating art and crafting. **The club runs Tuesday afternoons immediately after dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.**
Questions: Mr. Sykes – jsykes@newmarkeducation.com

LEGO CHALLENGE | \$100 per session | TUESDAY | ONSITE

Session I: 9/17/24, 9/24/24, 10/1/24, 10/8/24, 10/15/24, 10/22/24, 10/29/24, 11/5/24
Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min – 6 participants; Max – 15 participants

Description: In this club, students will build on creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking skills and cooperation in order to use Legos to build solutions to various engineering design challenges. Lego Challenge is designed to reinforce STEM concepts, encourage innovative thinking and cooperation/collaboration. **Lego Challenge runs Tuesday afternoons immediately after dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.**

Questions: Ms. Finelli – jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

GAMER'S GUILD CLUB | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE

Session I: 9/18/24, 9/25/24, 10/2/24, 10/9/24, 10/16/24, 10/23/24, 10/30/24, 11/6/24
Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula's classes. Minimum – 6 participants

Description: Students will be introduced to a variety of new games where they will develop an understanding of rules within an engaging and enjoyable environment. Students will work collaboratively through fantastical worlds like Dungeons and Dragons, as well as learn the value of partaking in friendly competition during card games. **The Club runs Wednesday afternoons immediately after dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.**

Questions: Ms. Finelli – jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

INTRAMURALS | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE

Session I: 9/18/24, 9/25/24, 10/2/24, 10/9/24, 10/16/24, 10/23/24, 10/30/24, 11/6/24
Open to all K-8 students. Minimum – 10 participants

Description: The Intramurals Club is designed to allow all students to participate in a variety of activities with their friends, while learning game fundamentals in a fun and lightly competitive environment. **Intramurals is offered on Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Mr. C. O'Connor – coconnor@newmarkeducation.com

MINECRAFT EDUCATIONAL CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | VIRTUAL

Session I: 9/19/24, 9/26/24, 10/3/24, 10/10/24, 10/17/24, 10/24/24 (No Clubs 10/31/24 – Halloween)

Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. Minimum – 6 participants; Maximum – 15 participants

Description: Microsoft Minecraft is an educational game-based learning platform that promotes collaboration and problem-solving in an immersive digital environment. It enhances creativity, self-direction and other life skills. Virtually, Microsoft Minecraft complements reading, writing, math, and even history learnings. Importantly, Minecraft also instills business principles, STEM knowledge and a global perspective. Before registering, please understand participating students must own the Minecraft and have it downloaded. **Minecraft is offered virtually on Thursday afternoons and will run from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.**

Questions: Mr. Osiadacz - POsiadacz@newmarkeducation.com

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE

Session I: 9/19/24, 9/26/24, 10/3/24, 10/10/24, 10/17/24, 10/24/24 (No Clubs 10/31/24 – Halloween)

Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula's classes. Minimum – 6 participants; Maximum – 15 participants

Description: The Computer Science Club offers students the opportunity to delve into engaging topics like game design and web development, fostering creativity and critical thinking in a fun and supportive environment. Students will benefit from targeted instruction as they explore the exciting world of coding and technology. Participants can

look forward to hands-on projects, collaborative learning experiences, and the chance to unleash their potential in the field of computer science. **Computer Science is offered on Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Mr. Rose – trose@newmarkeducation.com

Newmark K-8 School 2024-25 School Year (SY) - Begins Fall 2024

Student Hours: 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM

Early Dismissal: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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Contact Newmark Main Office

Absences, late arrival, early pick up, any transportation changes, etc.

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