



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, September 6, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year! We are excited to welcome parents to several events this fall. Please mark your calendar for the **K-8 Back To School Night** on Thursday, September 26, 2024 and **K-8 Movie Night** on Friday, October 18, 2024.

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

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 student 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 student 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.

September 2024 Menu: [View](#) Lunch Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Packs options

K-8 After School Clubs - Session I: Begins week of September 16, 2024. Registration is now open. [View](#) Club dates, descriptions and prices.

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

Mandatory New Parent Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 - 9:30 AM onsite - for

new parents only - [RSVP](#)

Reminder - Functional Living Skills Survey Due: All returning 7th grade parents and all new parents (grades 5-8) must completed a Functional Living Skills survey for your child by Friday, September 13, 2024 - [Survey](#)

NWEA Testing Begins: Week of Monday, September 16, 2024

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

Newmark K-8 Back To School Night: Thursday, September 26, 2024 - 6:00-8:00 PM onsite (*refreshments will be served*)

Student Social - K-8 Teen Afternoon: Friday, September 20, 2024 - For students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula's classes only. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:45-4:30 PM (unless noted). *Fee: \$25 per date.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM - [View](#) Permission Form

Save The Date! K-8 Movie Night: Friday, October 18, 2024 - *details coming soon*

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

Spotlight: Independent Practice (IP)

What is Independent Practice (IP)?

Newmark offers the opportunity for students to practice their academic skills away from the classroom. Independent Practice is given nightly. Independent Practice is important because it helps students develop and refine intellectual skills, develop into independent learners and nurture an identity as successful learners. The purpose of Independent Practice is to check whether the student understands a concept or skill; to practice a skill learned in class; to preview something he/she will learn in class soon and to review for a test or quiz.

How much IP should my child have?

Research recommends the 10-minute rule for Independent Practice, which means that for whatever grade your student is in, he/she will receive 10 minutes of practice. For example, if students are in 3rd grade, they will receive no more than 30 minutes of Independent Practice per night.

Although Independent Practice is an informal assessment for feedback, all assignments are reviewed with an Independent Practice rubric and included within the course grade as a percentage of the grade for data tracking purposes. The IP rubric is discussed with students to provide guidance on assignment completion. Parents can view the IP rubric within the student's Schoology courses in the parent resource folder.

[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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