



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, September 13, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We strongly encourage all parents to attend the **K-8 Back To School Night** on **Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 PM** onsite at Newmark. *The event is for parents only. See below.*

Reminder ... The 2024-25 Newmark K-8 School Parent/Student Directory is now available on your [Schoology Parent Portal](#).

For new and returning parents, please **keep checking your email weekly for Parent Alerts and your Friday Backpack News** or you may miss important school information. You can also access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

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

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

Reminder! Sports Participation Update: Newmark Middle School requires all students participating in athletic activities (basketball) during the 2024-25 School Year to have current physical and other 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 After School Clubs - Session I: Begins week of September 16, 2024. Registration is now open. [View](#) Club dates, descriptions and prices.

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

Community Service Pretzel Sale: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 - \$1 each (2 max per student) - to benefit Newmark High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter

Charity Dress Down Day - Wear Your Favorite Jersey Day: Friday, September 20, 2024 - Newmark staff raises money for various children's charities in order to "dress down" with different themes throughout the year. To get everyone in the spirit, we encourage students to join in the spirit. Students are not required to donate.

Student Social - 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 until 4:30 PM (unless noted). *Fee: \$25 per date. Individually wrapped snacks and water will provided to all participating students.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM. [View](#) Permission Form

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 - Kids Afternoon: Friday, October 11, 2024 - For students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. *Activities begin after dismissal from 2:45 until 4:00 PM. Fee: \$25 per date. Individually wrapped snacks and water will provided to all participating students.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM. [View](#) Permission Form

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

Spotlight: 2024 Newmark Annual Fund Appeal

Every fall, we ask Newmark family and friends to consider making a donation to our Annual Fund to support the many innovative programs and services at Newmark. **Every year our goal is 100% parent participation!**

Parent financial support has gone a long way in giving students the opportunity to go on educational field trips, providing high schoolers with work experience, delivering necessary staff training in reading and writing programs for our young students, modernizing our facility to include the latest technology and fielding an E-Sports Team.

As we all know, school funding is limited and Newmark will only be as exceptional as we as a community decide to support it.

Thanks to parents and friends who have contributed in the past, **we are able waive the annual book fee for all families this fall!**

Please commit to making your child's school the best it can be and consider an Annual Fund gift to help Newmark continue our mission. If you value the enriching education and experiences provided by Newmark for your child, consider giving at least \$1 for every school day your child is at Newmark, or a total of \$180. **Every gift counts.**

On behalf of all the students at Newmark, we thank you for your support of the 2024 Newmark Annual Fund.

[Please Consider A Gift Today!](#)

NextMark Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization supporting Newmark Education and Teacher Training. We gratefully accept all major credit cards.

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

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

Half Days/Early Dismissal: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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