



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL  
**FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS**  
Friday, September 20, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

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

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

Stay connected! Keep checking your email every week for important Parents Alerts and Friday Backpack News. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

### School News & Information

**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 2:45-4:30 PM (unless noted). Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM.

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

**2024 Annual Fund Appeal:** Through October 28, 2024. We need your help to do what we do best - educating and providing emotional and social connections for our families and students. Every year our goal is 100% parent participation! [How To Donate](#)

**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

**Newmark School Spirit Wear Sale:** Go Lions! [Order](#) your Newmark Gear from Lands' End.

**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 be provided to all participating students.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM. [View](#) Permission Form

**School Closed - Columbus Day:** Monday, October 14, 2024

**K-8 Movie Night:** Friday, October 18, 2024 - Join us for a fun, family-friendly outdoor movie night under the stars at 6:45 PM. The PG-rated movie will start at 7:00 PM. Please bring your own beach chairs and blankets (movie will be announced prior to event). *In case of rain, movie will be held in the Newmark Gym.* [RSVP](#) in advance

**K-8 After School Clubs - Session I:** Through November 6, 2024. Still time to register! [View](#) Club dates, descriptions and prices.

## Spotlight: Community Connections PIN Program

Newmark Education's Community Connections PIN Program provides individual recognition for achievement by Newmark students who demonstrate personal and social growth by participating in a personally meaningful community-based experience.

**Community-based experiences** can include the following categories:

- Community Service
- Sports
- Volunteering
- Music/Performing Arts
- Clubs (including Scouting)
- Misc. experiences approved by the Newmark PIN Committee

### **PIN Nominations:**

Nomination of a singular activity worthy of achievement must be made by parent, teacher or member of the PIN Committee. The community leader or coach of the event will be asked (by the student) to complete a [Digital Nomination Form](#) to nominate a Newmark student.

### **PINS Form Submission Deadlines:**

**Friday, November 1, 2024**

Friday, January 10, 2025

Friday, March 7, 2025

Friday, May 9, 2025

Once the nomination has been approved, the student will receive a special pin commemorating their achievement with a ceremony in their honor. PIN Program ceremonies occur four times per year (once per marking period) at Newmark K-8 School. The program culminates in an annual breakfast reception for all recipients.

### **For More Information:**

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**Newmark K-8 School 2024-25 School Year (SY)**

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

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

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

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