



**NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Friday Backpack News**  
**Friday, October 4, 2024**

Dear Newmark High School Families,

A special thank you to all the parents who have generously contributed to the 2024 **Newmark Annual Fund**. Your support is invaluable to continuing the important programs at Newmark. **Our goal is 100% Parent Participation!** The appeal ends October 28, 2024 so there is still time to make a tax-deductible gift if you haven't had a chance to yet.

Please be on the lookout for an information card with access code that was sent home with your teen on School Picture Day last week. This card has all the details you need to view your teen's school portraits once they are ready to view in approximately 10 business days. Sign in to [iamacamera.gotphoto.com](http://iamacamera.gotphoto.com) or scan the QR code on your card to get notification from photographer when photos are ready. If you have questions or need your student's access code, please contact Peter Collura Photography directly at 908-228-5674 or email [hi@iamacamera.net](mailto:hi@iamacamera.net).

**Stay connected!** Please keep checking your email weekly for Parent Alerts and your Friday Backpack News. You can also access past issues archived on our [website](#).

### **School News & Information**

**October Menu:** [View](#) Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Plan 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](#)

**NHS After School Clubs - Session I:** In progress through November 6, 2024. Still time to registration. [View](#) Club dates, descriptions and prices.

**Parent Transition Workshop – Navigating the Future: College Transition and Beyond:** Tuesday, October 8, 2024 - Join us for an important program targeted to parents of Juniors and Seniors (parents of Freshmen and Sophomores are welcome) from 7:00-8:30 PM onsite at Newmark. Presenter Michelle Mongey, MA, LDTC, will provide important information and resources on transitioning from high school to college and other post-secondary alternatives. Workshop includes students' rights under IDEA, accommodations, self-advocacy, the student's role in the process and finding the right school or program for each individual. Workshop is free but advance registration is required. Parents only, no children please. [Register](#) by Friday, October 4, 2024

**Pink Out Day:** Friday, October 11, 2024 - Newmark staff are wearing Pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and students are encouraged to wear Pink as well.

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

**NHS Teen Night Social:** Friday, October 18, 2024 - For all High School students from 2:15-4:30 PM. Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM. \$25 fee - [View](#) Permission Form

**Parent Workshop – Understanding IEPs and School-Based Services:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024 - Join us for an informative Workshop tailored to parents and caregivers from 7:00-8:30 PM onsite at Newmark. We'll delve into the essentials of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) with a special focus on school-based related services at Newmark School and Newmark High School. We strongly encourage all Newmark parents from K-8 through High School to attend. Workshop is free but advance registration is required. Parents only, no children please. [Register](#) by Friday, October 18, 2024

**School Closed - Staff Development Day:** Friday, October 25, 2024

**Community Connection PIN Program Nomination Deadline:** Friday, November 1, 2024 - Students earn individual recognition if they participate in a personally meaningful community-based experience. [Learn More](#) about the 2024-25 Program

**Community Service Fall 2024:**

- **Community Service - School Store Animal Shelter Drive:** Begins Friday, September 27 - October 24, 2024. Students can use their School Store points to "purchase" pet food, toys and supplies to support the Plainfield Area Humane Animal Society and Cause 4 Paws.
- **FBLA Ga-Ga Tournament Fundraiser:** Thursday, October 24, 2024 - NHS students can participate in the Ga-Ga Tournament to help raise money for the Newmark High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Cost is \$5 per student. [Read](#) Letter

## Spotlight: Winter Gear Drive

**Begins Monday, October 7, 2024**

In addition to the School Store Drives throughout the school year when students can use their earned school points to "purchase" items for area charities, Newmark Community Service also holds two Drives for families to donate items directly.

This October we will be running a "**Winter Gear Drive**" to benefit Market Street Mission in Morristown.

**Winter Gear\* Drive: Monday, October 7 - Thursday, October 24, 2024**

Please bring in new or gently used warm winter:

- **Warm Gloves**
- **Scarves**
- **Hats**

\*all sizes - adult or child!

Collection boxes will be placed in the School Foyer.

Thank you for your support!

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**Newmark High School 2024-25 School Year**

**Student Hours: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM**

*(Half Day/Early Dismissal: 8:20 AM - 12:20 PM)*

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