



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, October 4, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 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 child on School Picture Day last week. This card has all the details you need to view your child's school portraits once they are ready to view in approximately 10 business days. Sign in to 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.

Stay connected! Please check 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](#) Lunch Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 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](#)

K-8 After School Clubs - Session I: In progress through November 6, 2024. Registration is still open. [View](#) Club dates, descriptions and prices.

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.

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 at 6:45 PM for a fun, family-friendly outdoor movie. The PG-rated movie will start at 7:00 PM. Movie will be announced next week. *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

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:** Ends 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 - K-8 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!

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

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

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

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