



**NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL**  
**Friday Backpack News**  
Friday, October 18, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We hope to see many Newmark K-8 families tonight at Movie Night! There is still time to register - see below.

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 and safety measures at Newmark. **Our goal is 100% Parent Participation!** The appeal ends Monday, October 28, 2024 so there is still time to make a tax-deductible gift if you haven't had a chance to yet.

Your child's Newmark School Portraits should now be live and available for purchase on the **Peter Collura Photography website**. Use the access code on the card that was sent home on picture day to sign in. If you have any questions or need your child's access code, please contact Peter Collura Photography directly at 908-228-5674 or email [hi@iamacamera.net](mailto:hi@iamacamera.net). See *Retake date below*.

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

**K-8 Fall Newsletter:** [View](#)

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

**K-8 Movie Night:** Friday, October 18, 2024 - Join us for a family-friendly outdoor movie night under the stars at 6:45 PM to watch **The Garfield Movie**. Garfield (voiced by Chris Pratt), the world-famous, Monday-hating, lasagna-loving indoor cat, is about to have a wild outdoor adventure! The PG-rated movie will start at 7:00 PM. Please bring your own

beach chairs and blankets. *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 - CANCELLED DUE TO LOW ENROLLMENT

**Community Service Donuts for Dogs Snack Sale:** Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 24, 2024 - students can purchase donuts for \$1, max of 2 - Sign up to [contribute](#) items for sale

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

**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 Halloween Trick or Treat:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 - Parades, snacks, candy, trinkets, activities and more!

**Community Connection PIN Program Nomination Deadline:** Friday, November 1, 2024 - [Learn More](#)

**K-8 After School Clubs - Session I:** Ends November 6, 2024. Session II Registration is now open. *See below.*

**School Closed - Teacher Convention:** Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8, 2024

**School Portrait Photo Retake Day: Friday, November 22, 2024** - If you are not 100% happy with your child's School Portrait, see instructions on photographer's [website](#). Questions or need your child's access code? Contact Peter Collura Photography directly at 908-228-5674 or email [hi@iamacamera.net](mailto:hi@iamacamera.net)

#### **Community Service & FBLA Fall 2024:**

- **FBLA Wreath Sale:** Decorate your home with fresh, aromatic wreaths, centerpieces and festive winter decorations this holiday season starting at just \$20. [Wreath Orders](#) due Friday, November 8, 2024 and will be available the week after Thanksgiving. For payment, send cash/checks payable to Newmark High School - Attn: Mr. Pearson. Questions? Contact Mr. Pearson at [kpearson@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:kpearson@newmarkeducation.com)
- **Community Service - Winter Gear Drive:** Ends Thursday, October 24 - Newmark families are encouraged to donate gently used or new warm winter gloves, hats and scarves to benefit the Market Street Mission in Morristown.
- **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 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: Newmark K-8 After School Clubs & Programs**

### **Registration is Open for Session II**

Newmark K-8 School is excited to offer 2024-25 After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students. Activities are offered for 4 sessions, with each session running 6 to 9 weeks in length, noting days off due to holiday breaks.

#### **How To Register:**

- [Register](#) online to pay by credit card (\$3.00 fee), check payable to Newmark

- School or cash (Checks/cash can be sent in to Main Office on September 5, 2024)
- Register early - space is limited!

**Session II: Begins week of November 18, 2024 through January 23, 2025**

- **If Club is Onsite:** Clubs or Programs will begin directly after school and end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking up their child promptly at dismissal.
- **If Club is Virtual:** Clubs or Programs will start at 3:30 PM via Microsoft Teams invite and will end at 4:30 PM.

**LEGO CHALLENGE | \$100 per session | TUESDAY | ONSITE**

**Session II:** 11/19/24, 11/26/24, 12/3/24, 12/10/24, 12/17/24, 1/7/25, 1/14/25, 1/21/25 (No Club -12/24/24 & 12/31/24 Holiday Break)

*Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min 6 participants, max 12 participants*

**Description:** In this club, students will build on creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking skills and cooperation in order to use Legos to build solutions to various engineering design challenges. Lego Challenge is designed to reinforce STEM concepts, encourage innovative thinking and cooperation/collaboration. **Lego Challenge runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.**

**Questions:** Ms. Finelli – [jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com)

**NEW! CHESS CLUB | \$100 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session II:** 11/19/24, 11/26/24, 12/3/24, 12/10/24, 12/17/24, 1/7/25, 1/14/25, 1/21/25 (No Club -12/24/24 & 12/31/24 Holiday Break)

*Open to students in Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz, Ms. Pantano, Mrs. Necci and Mr. Kerby's classes. Min 6 participants, max 12 participants*

**Description:** The Chess Club is open to students of all skill levels interested in learning and playing chess. Our after-school sessions focus on teaching the basics of the game, including the pieces, how they move, and various strategies. Each meeting provides instructional time to broaden your knowledge, followed by opportunities to play against fellow club members. Join us to develop your chess skills, challenge your mind and enjoy friendly competition! **The club runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.**

**Questions:** Ms. Boise – [sbosie@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:sbosie@newmarkeducation.com)

**ARTISANAL PROJECTS | \$100 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session II:** 11/19/24, 11/26/24, 12/3/24, 12/10/24, 12/17/24, 1/7/25, 1/14/25, 1/21/25 (No Club -12/24/24 & 12/31/24 Holiday Break)

*Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min 6 participants, max 12 participants*

**Description:** Artisanal Projects is an opportunity for your child to learn a skill while creating something that uses the concept of functional art. Functional art is an art project that can be used for a specific purpose. This club offers projects that are long-term based and easy for all levels. Students will learn the skill of no-sew blankets and pillows, popsicle stick vessels, beading and jewelry, among other awesome creative projects. This would be the perfect club for a student who loves working with their hands, creating art and crafting. **The club runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.**

**Questions:** Mr. Sykes – [jsykes@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jsykes@newmarkeducation.com)

**GAMER'S GUILD CLUB | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session II:** 11/20/24, 12/4/24, 12/11/24, 12/18/24, 1/8/25, 1/15/25, 1/22/25 (No Club – 11/27/24 Thanksgiving Break; 12/25/24 & 1/1/25 Holiday Break)

*Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Minimum – 6 participants*

**Description:** Students will be introduced to a variety of new games where they will develop an understanding of rules within an engaging and enjoyable environment. Students will work collaboratively through fantastical worlds like Dungeons and Dragons, as well as learn the value of partaking in friendly competition during card games. **The Club runs Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.**

**Questions:** Ms. Finelli – [jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com)

**INTRAMURALS | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session II:** 11/20/24, 12/4/24, 12/11/24, 12/18/24, 1/8/25, 1/15/25, 1/22/25 (No Club – 11/27/24 Thanksgiving Break; 12/25/24 & 1/1/25 Holiday Break)

*Open to all K-8 students. Minimum – 10 participants*

**Description:** The Intramurals Club is designed to allow all students to participate in a variety of activities with their friends, while learning game fundamentals in a fun and lightly competitive environment. **Intramurals is offered on Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

**Questions:** Mr. C. O'Connor – [coconnor@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:coconnor@newmarkeducation.com)

**MINECRAFT EDUCATIONAL CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | VIRTUAL**

**Session II:** 11/21/24, 12/5/24, 12/12/24, 12/19/24, 1/9/25, 1/16/25, 1/23/25 (No Club – 11/28/24 Thanksgiving Break; 12/26/24 & 1/2/25 – Holiday Break)

*Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. Minimum – 6 participants; Maximum – 15 participants*

**Description:** Microsoft Minecraft is an educational game-based learning platform that promotes collaboration and problem-solving in an immersive digital environment. It enhances creativity, self-direction, and other life skills. Virtually, Microsoft Minecraft complements reading, writing, math, and even history learnings. Importantly, Minecraft also instills business principles, STEM knowledge and a global perspective. Before registering, please understand participating students must own the Minecraft and have it downloaded. **Minecraft is offered virtually on Thursday afternoons and will run from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.**

**Questions:** Mr. Osiadacz - [POsiadacz@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:POsiadacz@newmarkeducation.com)

**COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session II:** 11/21/24, 12/5/24, 12/12/24, 12/19/24, 1/9/25, 1/16/25, 1/23/25 (No Club – 11/28/24 Thanksgiving Break; 12/26/24 & 1/2/25 – Holiday Break)

*Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Minimum – 6 participants; Maximum – 15 participants*

**Description:** The Computer Science Club offers students the opportunity to delve into engaging topics like game design and web development, fostering creativity and critical thinking in a fun and supportive environment. Students will benefit from targeted instruction as they explore the exciting world of coding and technology. Participants can look forward to hands-on projects, collaborative learning experiences, and the chance to unleash their potential in the field of computer science. **Computer Science Club is offered on Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

**Questions:** Mr. Rose – [trose@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:trose@newmarkeducation.com)

## **Register For Session II**

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

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