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NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, October 18, 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 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 teen'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 teen's access code, please contact Peter Collura Photography directly at 908-228-5674 or email hi@iamacamera.net. See *Retake date below*.

Stay connected! Please check 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

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

NHS Fall Newsletter: [View](#)

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

PreACT: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 - Administered to all Juniors interested in taking the exam.

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](#)

NHS Halloween Costume Contest: Thursday, October 31, 2024 - Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costume to school as long as it does not interfere with their ability to do their schoolwork during the day. Costumes will be judged in categories according to the following: Funniest, Scariest, Team (must be 2 or more), Media Character (movies, TV, video games) and Best Overall.

Community Connection PIN Program Nomination Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2024 - [Learn More](#) about the 2024-25 Program

NHS After School Clubs - Session I: Ends by 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 teen's School Portrait, see instructions on photographer's [website](#). Questions or need your teen's access code? Contact Peter Collura Photography directly at 908-228-5674 or email hi@iamacamera.net

Community Service & FBLA Fall 2024:

- **Community Service - Winter Gear Drive:** Ends Thursday, October 24 - Newmark families are encouraged to bring in and donate gently used or new warm winter gloves, hats and scarves to benefit the Market Street Mission in Morristown. Collection boxes will be placed in the Newmark foyer.
- **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 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](#)
- **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

Spotlight: NHS After School Clubs & Programs

Registration for Session II - Now Open

Newmark High School provides After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students for the 2024-25 School Year. 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 High School or cash (Checks/cash can be sent in to Main Office).
- **Register early** - space is limited!

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

- **If Club is Onsite:** Club or Program will begin directly after school and end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking up their teen promptly at dismissal.
- **If Club is Virtual:** Club or Program will start at 3:15 PM via Microsoft Teams invite and will end at 4:15 PM.

ROLL FOR ADVENTURE (D&D) | \$100 per session | MONDAYS | VIRTUAL

Session II: 11/18/24, 11/25/24, 12/2/24, 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 1/6/25, 1/13/25 (No Club – 12/23/24 & 12/30/24 Holiday Break; 1/20/25 MLK Day)

Open to all NHS students. Minimum: 6 participants

Description: Students will engage in an adventure through Dungeons and Dragons, developing a greater understanding of the rules while within an engaging and enjoyable environment. Students will create their own characters and work collaboratively through an imaginative, fantastical world. **Roll For Adventure Club will start virtually at 3:15 PM and will end at 4:30 PM.**

Questions: Ms. Finelli – jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

ART PORTFOLIO | \$175 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE - BY INVITE ONLY

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)

By Invite Only. Minimum: 4 participants

Description: The Art Portfolio Club is designed for students who are passionate about art and aspire to pursue it professionally or in higher education after graduation. In this club, students will work on developing a comprehensive and impressive art portfolio that showcases their unique talents and creativity. Members will receive personalized feedback, learn advanced techniques and explore various mediums. The club provides a collaborative environment where students can refine their skills, gain confidence in their artistic abilities and prepare for future opportunities in the art world. **Art Portfolio Program will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Mr. Kraminitz – bkraminitz@newmarkeducation.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE 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 all NHS students. Minimum: 8 participants

Description: The Community Service Club is designed to give students an appreciation and understanding of community and global concerns. The Club is project-based and student-driven which enables students to grow in ways that enrich their lives as individuals, as members of local communities and as citizens of the global community. **Community Service Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Ms. Hartman – shartman@newmarkeducation.com

CODING 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 all NHS students. Minimum: 8 participants

Description: The Coding Club will offer students a chance to acquire hands-on experience in computer programming through languages such as Python or Java. Using various forms of hardware, students will be able to explore their interests by learning fundamental concepts in the field of computer science. Students with a strong math background, programming experience or want to start the coding journey are encouraged to join! **Coding Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Mr. Rose – trose@newmarkeducation.com

MOCK TRIAL | \$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 all NHS students. Minimum: 4 participants

Description: Mock Trial is a competition in which students simulate a real trial. It teaches essential skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, and the art of forming a persuasive, cohesive argument. Mock Trial is part courtroom trial and part stage production. Students will audition to play certain roles, such as Lawyer or Witness, in a staged trial. They will be required to memorize scripts and learn courtroom procedures. Students will also develop the skills of notetaking, adlibbing, and overall flexibility. Following preparation, students will then have the opportunity to compete against other schools at the Union County Court House in Elizabeth. Mock Trials can either inspire students or display legal knowledge, so if you like acting and argument, this is the opportunity for you! **Mock Trial Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Mr. Necci – enecci@newmarkeducation.com

ART WORKSHOP | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE – BY INVITE

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 all NHS students. Minimum: 4 participants

Description: The purpose of the Art Workshop after school club is to allow high school students the opportunity to explore their interests in Art. Students will work with their choice of medium to cultivate their skills and to enhance their learning. More serious artists, who plan to pursue art as a path to higher education, are encouraged to join this club to begin developing a work portfolio. **Art Workshop will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Mr. Kraminitz – bkraminitz@newmarkeducation.com

Register for NHS After School Clubs - Session II

Newmark High School 2024-25 School Year (SY)

Student Hours: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM

Early Dismissal: 8:20 AM - 12:20 PM

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