



NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, November 1, 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!** If you haven't had a chance to make a contribution and help us reach our goal, there is still time to make a tax-deductible gift!

Your teen's 1st Marking Period (Q1) grades will be available to view on your PowerSchool Parent Portal on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 after 3:00 PM. Report cards will not be mailed home.

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

November Lunch: [View](#) menu

2024 Annual Fund Appeal: 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](#)

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

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

No School - Teacher Convention: Thursday, November 7 & 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

Early Dismissal: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 - For NHS students dismissal at 12:20 PM

Thanksgiving Break - No School: Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29, 2024

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
- **School Store Toy Drive:** Wednesday, November 6 - Friday, December 6, 2024 - Help us brighten the lives of children in our community in time for the holidays. Students may use their School Store points to purchase items at the School Store for donations. All donations will go to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth (Union County).

Spotlight: NHS After School Clubs & Programs

Session II Begins Week of November 18, 2024

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 4:30 PM.

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

Session I: 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

FUNDAMENTALS OF COOKING CLUB | \$150 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)

Description: The purpose of The Fundamentals of Cooking club is to provide students the skills to promote confidence in the kitchen for independent daily living. Each session, students will have the opportunity to choose a recipe the group will make while working on essential skills of the kitchen such as cutting, how to be safe using the stove and the oven,

and manage a clean working environment. By the end of the Quarter, students will be able to confidently and competently execute the skills introduced and practiced throughout the term. **Fundamentals of Cooking will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Ms. Brozena – jbrozena@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

NEW! MOCK TRIAL | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE

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

Session II: 11/21/24, 12/12/24, 12/19/24, 1/9/25, 1/16/25, 1/23/25 (No Club – 11/28/24

Thanksgiving Break; 12/5/24; 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

Subject to change.

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

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