



NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, November 15, 2024

Dear Newmark High School Families,

Your teen's 1st Marking Period (Q1) grades are available to view on your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Report cards will not be mailed home.

Reminder! **Session II After School Clubs begins week of November 18, 2024.** There is still time to register. *See 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

1st Quarter Report Cards: View your teen's report card on your PowerSchool Parent Portal:

- Login to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account
- Under Navigation menu, select Report Card

For any PowerSchool Parent Portal login questions, please contact forms@newmarkeducation.com

2024-25 Snow Day and Delayed Opening Policy: [View](#) Newmark's procedures

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

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! [Donate Today!](#)

Community Service Brownies & Bread Sale: Thursday, November 21 & Friday, November 22, 2024 - Students can purchase brownies or bread (ex. banana, zucchini,

apple) for \$1, max of 2 pieces - Sign up to [contribute](#) items for sale.

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 child's access code? Contact Peter Collura Photography directly at 908-228-5674 or email hi@iamacamera.net

Dress Down - Wear Your Favorite Hat Day: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 - Get into the holiday spirit. Students and staff are invited to wear their favorite or most outrageous hat.

Thanksgiving School-Wide Lunch: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 - A special Newmark tradition as students and staff join together for a festive Thanksgiving lunch with all the trimmings (No Cost): Sliced Turkey with or without gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Rolls with butter, Cranberry Sauce, Apple and Pumpkin Pie. *Students can also bring in their own lunch if they prefer.*

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

NHS Teen Night Social: Friday, December 13, 2024 - Student Social 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

Community Service

- **School Store Toy Drive:** Through Friday, December 6, 2024 - Students will be able to use their School Store points to "purchase" toys from the School Store that can be donated to the Toy Drive. All donations will go to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth (Union County).

Spotlight: NHS After School Clubs & Programs **Still Time To Register for Session II**

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 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

FUNDAMENTALS OF COOKING CLUB | \$150 per session | TUESDAYS | FULL

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 | FULL

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, 12/12/24, 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

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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