



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, November 15, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Your child'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! 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

1st Quarter Report Cards: View your child'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 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

Student Social - Teen Afternoon: Friday, November 22, 2024 - For students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes only. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:45 until 4:30 PM (unless noted). *Fee: \$25 per date. Individually wrapped snacks and water will provided to all participating students.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM. [View](#) Permission Form

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 K-8 students dismissal at 12:45 PM

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

Student Social - Kids Afternoon: Friday, December 6, 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 provided to all participating students.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM. [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: Newmark K-8 After School Clubs & Programs

Still Time To Register!

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

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. Bosie – 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 Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Minimum – 6 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

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

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

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

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 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

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB | \$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 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

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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