



**NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL**  
**FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS**  
Friday, November 29, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We hope that you and your family enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving!

All of the K-8 students, teachers, assistants and Mr. Sykes have been working hard to bring you the annual **Holiday Show** on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. See *RSVP 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

**Thanksgiving Break - No School:** Friday, November 29, 2024

**December Lunch:** [View](#) menu

**K-8 After School Clubs - Session II:** In Progress through January 23, 2025 - [Registration](#) is still open.

**Newmark School Spirit Wear Sale:** Just in time for the holidays! [Order](#) your Newmark Gear from Land's End. Perfect for holiday gifts and School Spirit Week coming up in February 2025.

**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

**K-8 Holiday Show \$35 Fee Due:** Friday, December 13, 2024 - All K-8 students will be charged a \$35 required Holiday Show fee to help cover costumes, props and scenery.

## Pay Fee

**K-8 Holiday Show: Tuesday, December 17, 2024** - Parent Alert sent this week with specific details on date and time of performance:

- **10:00 AM** - For students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano classes - [RSVP](#)
- **1:00 PM** - For students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes - [RSVP](#)

**Dress Down Day - Holiday Colors:** Thursday, December 19, 2024 - Wear your favorite Holiday Colors!

**Holiday Breakfast:** Thursday, December 19, 2024 - School-wide Holiday Breakfast Buffet is free for students and will be served at our regularly scheduled lunchtime. Breakfast includes Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Assorted Bagels & Muffins and Juice. *Students can also choose to bring in their own meal if they prefer.*

**Early Dismissal - Half Day:** Friday, December 20, 2024 - For K-8 students dismissal at 12:45 PM

**School Closed - Holiday Recess:** Monday, December 23, 2024 - Friday, January 3, 2025. School resumes on Monday, January 6, 2025.

## Community Service 2024:

- **School Store Toy Drive Toy Drive:** Ends 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: Thank A Teacher This Holiday Season!**

During the holiday season, many families have expressed an interest in thanking the staff at Newmark K-8 School. If you wish to express your gratitude to your child's teacher or one of the many staff members who make a positive impact on your child's life, please consider sending a tribute or donating to the [Newmark 2024 Holiday Fund](#) in their honor.

Of course, there is no obligation to participate. **A simple personal "thank you note" from your child to their teacher is always appreciated!**

If you choose to donate to the Newmark Holiday Fund, these monies support teachers in planning creative and innovative projects for students as well as a special post-Holiday staff luncheon. Please include a message so that we can share with the recipient on your behalf. If you choose this option, the Holiday Fund ends Friday, December 20, 2024.

### **Here are some options if you choose to participate:**

- Make a [donation](#) by credit card to the Newmark Holiday Fund and honor your child's teacher(s) or staff member(s) with a special message.
- Make a donation by check payable to NextMark Foundation and return the [Holiday Acknowledgement Form](#) to Newmark.
- Send your child's teacher a simple personal "thank you" note or picture from your child.

**From our "family" to yours, thank you, and Happy Holidays!**

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**Newmark K-8 School 2024-25 School Year (SY)**

**Student Hours:** 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM

**Early Dismissal:** 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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