



NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, December 6, 2024

Dear Newmark High School Families,

Thank you for the inspiring **Holiday Tributes** to teachers and staff. If you would still like to honor a Newmark teacher or staff this holiday season, please consider making a tribute or donation to the Holiday Fund by Friday, December 20, 2024. *See details 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

December Menu: [View](#) Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Plan options

Transition Meeting for Parents of NHS Sophomores: Please [schedule](#) a Transition Planning meeting with Mrs. Murphy to identify and develop goals for your student to assist them in working toward their post-high school aspirations.

ACT Prep Course for NHS Juniors: February - April 2025. Collegewise Educational Services offers a live, onsite course at Newmark High School on Tuesdays for 9 weeks prior to the ACT test from 2:30-4:30 PM. ****Deadline to register: Friday, January 10, 2025.** Cost is \$700. [Learn more and register.](#)

NHS After School Clubs - Session II: In Progress through January 23, 2025. Registration is still open. [View](#) Club dates, descriptions and prices.

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.

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

NHS Student Holiday Gift Exchange: Thursday, December 19, 2024. *Participation is optional and deadline to participate is Monday, December 2, 2024.* [Read](#) important guidelines under "NHS Student Life".

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 NHS students dismissal at 12:20 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:** 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: Thank A Teacher This Holiday Season!

During the holiday season, many families have expressed an interest in thanking the staff at Newmark High School. If you wish to express your gratitude to your teen's teacher or one of the many staff members who make a positive impact on your teen'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 teen 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 teen'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 teen's teacher a simple personal "thank you" note from your teen.

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

NextMark Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supporting Newmark Education and Teacher Training

Newmark High School 2024-25 (SY)

Student Hours: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM

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

1000 Cellar Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
908-753-0330
newmarkeducation.com

Contact Newmark Main Office

Absences, late arrival, early pick up, any transportation changes, etc.
absence@newmarkeducation.com

Maria Caggiano - mcaggiano@newmarkeducation.com
Linda Tiner - ltiner@newmarkeducation.com

Forms: forms@newmarkeducation.com

