



**NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL**  
**Friday Backpack News**  
Friday, December 13, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We are very excited to present our **K-8 School Holiday Show** next Tuesday, December 17, 2024. If you haven't yet, please be sure to RSVP - *see below*.

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

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

**2024 Annual Fund Appeal:** Consider a year-end, tax-deductible gift. Every year our goal is 100% parent participation! [Donate Today!](#)

**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** - Parents are invited! *RSVP below based on your child's class.*

- **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](#)

**Community Service Pretzel Sale:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024 - \$1 each (2 max per student) - to benefit Newmark High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter.

**Dress Down Day - Holiday Colors:** Thursday, December 19, 2024 - Students are encouraged to wear their 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 Connection PIN Program Nomination Deadline:** Friday, January 10, 2025 - [Learn More](#)

## 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!**

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

**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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