



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, January 31, 2025

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Get ready for Newmark School Spirit Week starting on Monday, February 3, 2025!

Final Grades for 2nd Marking Period (Q2) will be posted on your PowerSchool Parent Portal on Friday, January 31, 2025 after 3:00 PM.

If you haven't yet, don't forget to purchase your Newmark Spaghetti Dinner Tickets for Friday, February 7, 2025. *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

February 2025 Lunch: [View](#) menu

We Need Your Help! Parent Volunteer Survey - 2025 Spring Events: Please complete [Survey](#) by Thursday, February 13, 2025

School Spirit Week: Begins Monday, February 3, 2025 - *see below*

K-8 After School Clubs - Session III: Begins week of February 10 - March 27, 2025 - Registration is now open - [Register](#)

Super Bowl Dress Down Day: Friday, February 7, 2025 - Wear your favorite sports jersey!

Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night: Friday, February 7, 2025 from 5:30- 8:00 PM - This popular school event will bring Newmark K-8 and High School families together for dinner and a chance to connect with other Newmark families. There will be fun activities

for students. Parents are invited to bring a bottle of wine. Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$10 per child (18 and under) and includes dinner, beverages and dessert. *Tickets must be purchased in advance by Thursday, February 6, 2025 - [Purchase](#) Tickets* *Bring a canned good for the Food Drive

School Closed for Winter Recess: Friday, February 14 and Monday, February 17, 2025

Student Social - Teen Afternoon at the Movies Friday, February 21, 2025 - 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 6:00 PM. Fee: \$30 includes private showing of *Captain America: Brave New World* at Cinemark. Students must be picked up by parent/guardian at 6:00 PM from Newmark. [View](#) Permission Form

Student Social - Kids Afternoon: Friday, February 28, 2025 - 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 be provided to all participating students.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM. [View](#) Permission Form

NEW! 2025-26 Newmark K-8 School Year Calendar: [View](#)

Community Service / FBLA

- **School Store Military Drive:** Through Friday, February 21, 2025 - Students will be able to use their School Store points to "purchase" Military Drive items from the School Store. All donations will go to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park in Edison.
- **Community Service Food Drive:** Monday, January 27 through February 13, 2025. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food including cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly and canned goods like meat, fruit and vegetables. Items collected will benefit Fanwood Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains. *Collection box in the school foyer.*
- **FBLA Coffee Cake Fundraiser:** Through Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - Help support the Newmark High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter. Students are raising money to participate in statewide conferences and leadership programs during the school year. Great coffee cake choices! [View](#) Coffee Cake Order Form
- **Pay To Play Dodgeball:** Thursday, February 20, 2025 - K-8 students can participate in the Dodgeball Tournament to help raise money for the Newmark High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Cost is \$5 per student. [Read](#) Letter / Permission Form

Spotlight: Newmark School Spirit Week

Newmark School Spirit Week is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 3, 2025! We have many fun activities planned for our Newmark K-8 students and staff to show their Newmark School Spirit.

Monday, February 3, 2025: Favorite PJs Dress Down Day (*Come to school in your coziest PJs*)

- Students vs. Teachers Dodgeball Game

Tuesday, February 4, 2025: School Colors Dress Down Day (*Wear Orange and Blue*)

- Basketball Home Game vs. Windsor

Wednesday, February 5, 2025: Newmark Gear Day (*Wear your favorite Newmark shirt or gear*)

- Bowling at Jersey Lanes in Linden, NJ
- Sub-sandwich luncheon provided by Newmark School (or your child can bring in their own lunch)

- K-8 Academic Awards

Thursday, February 6, 2025: Superheroes Dress Down Day (*Dress like your favorite superhero*)

- Scavenger Hunt

Friday, February 7, 2025: Super Bowl Dress Down Day (*Wear your favorite sports jersey to celebrate the Super Bowl*)

- Bingo Activity
- Annual Spaghetti Dinner – 5:30 PM for the whole family ([tickets](#) available for purchase). *Bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Drive*

GO LIONS!

Letter from Ms. Borea, Principal
Subject to change

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

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

Half Days/Early Dismissal: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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