



NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, February 7, 2025

Dear Newmark High School Families,

What a super fun School Spirit Week at Newmark! Go Lions! This evening, we cap off our **School Spirit Week** with the **Annual Newmark Spaghetti Dinner Night**. The event is from 5:30-8:00 PM at Newmark, 1000 Cellar Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ. Tickets must be purchased in advance - *still time to get your tickets!*

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

Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night: Friday, February 7, 2025 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM - 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 1:00 PM today!* [Purchase](#) Tickets
**** Please bring a non-perishable food item to support the Community Services Food Drive tonight!**

February Lunch: [View menu](#)

For Juniors - Jostens Ring Virtual Presentation: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - Presentation for interested Juniors to order and size class rings. Seniors interested in ordering a class ring can email Mr. Kraminitz at BKraminitz@newmarkeducation.com.

Community Service Ice Cream Sale : Wednesday, February 12 & Thursday, February 13, 2025 - students can purchase one bowl of ice cream for \$1. Fundraiser to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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

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

Parent Transition – Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Informational Workshop: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 - 7:00-8:00 PM. Join us for an informational workshop on navigating the DDD Service System, targeted to parents of Juniors and Seniors onsite at Newmark. Workshop is free but advance registration is required. *Parents and students are invited to attend.* [Register](#) by Monday, February 24, 2025

Save The Date! NHS Spring Show: Friday, March 7, 2025 - 7:00 PM. *Details coming soon.*

Community Service / FBLA

- **Community Service Food Drive:** 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 - NHS 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
- **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.

Spotlight: NHS After School Clubs

Register for Session III

Newmark High School provides After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students. Activities are offered for 4 sessions, with each session running 6 to 9 weeks in length, noting days off due to holiday breaks.

How To Register:

- [Register online](#) to pay by credit card (\$3.00 fee), check payable to Newmark School or cash (Checks/cash can be sent in to Main Office).
- **Register early** - space is limited!

Session III: Begins week of February 10 through March 27, 2025

ROLL FOR ADVENTURE (D&D) | \$100 per session | MONDAYS | VIRTUAL

Session III: 2/10/25, 2/24/25, 3/3/25, 3/10/25, 3/17/25, 3/24/25 (No Club –2/17/25 – Winter Break)

Open to all NHS students. Minimum: 6 participants

Description: Students will engage in an adventure through Dungeons and Dragons, developing a greater understanding of the rules while within an engaging and enjoyable environment. Students will create their own characters and work collaboratively through an imaginative, fantastical world. **Roll For Adventure Club will start virtually at 3:15 PM and will end at 4:30 PM.**

Questions: Ms. Finelli– jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

FUNDAMENTALS OF COOKING CLUB | \$150 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE CLUB IS FULL

ART PORTFOLIO | \$175 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE - BY INVITE ONLY

Session III: 2/11/25, 2/18/25, 2/25/25, 3/4/25, 3/11/25, 3/18/25, 3/25/25

By Invite Only. Minimum: 4 participants

Description: The Art Portfolio Club is designed for students who are passionate about art and aspire to pursue it professionally or in higher education after graduation. In this club, students will work on developing a comprehensive and impressive art portfolio that showcases their unique talents and creativity. Members will receive personalized feedback, learn advanced techniques and explore various mediums. The club provides a collaborative environment where students can refine their skills, gain confidence in their artistic abilities and prepare for future opportunities in the art world. **Art Portfolio Program will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Mr. Kraminitz – bkraminitz@newmarkeducation.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE

Session III: 2/12/25, 2/19/25, 2/26/25, 3/5/25, 3/12/25, 3/19/25, 3/26/25

Open to all NHS students. Minimum: 8 participants

Description: The Community Service Club is designed to give students an appreciation and understanding of community and global concerns. The Club is project-based and student-driven which enables students to grow in ways that enrich their lives as individuals, as members of local communities and as citizens of the global community. **Community Service Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Ms. Hartman – shartman@newmarkeducation.com

CODING CLUB | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAY | ONSITE

Session III: 2/12/25, 2/19/25, 2/26/25, 3/5/25, 3/12/25, 3/19/25, 3/26/25

Open to all NHS students. Minimum: 8 participants

Description: The Coding Club will offer students a chance to acquire hands-on experience in computer programming through languages such as Python or Java. Using various forms of hardware, students will be able to explore their interests by learning fundamental concepts in the field of computer science. Students with a strong math background, programming experience or want to start the coding journey are encouraged to join! **Coding Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Mr. Rose – trose@newmarkeducation.com

FBLA CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE

Session III: 2/13/25, 2/20/25, 2/27/25, 3/6/25, 3/13/25, 3/20/25, 3/27/25

Mandatory for students participating in FBLA competitions. Minimum: 4 participants

Description: FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is the premier student business organization in the world. With over 230,000 members nationally, FBLA prepares students for careers in business and business-related fields through numerous contests, competitions and community service activities. Newmark is happy to offer an After School Club that will support and prepare the Newmark FBLA team for the yearly FBLA activities. The Club will focus on presentation techniques and competition strategies. FBLA Club will be offered Session III only and is mandatory for students participating in FBLA competitions. **FBLA Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Mr. Pearson – kpearson@newmarkeducation.com

ART WORKSHOP | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE

Session III: 2/13/25, 2/20/25, 2/27/25, 3/6/25, 3/13/25, 3/20/25, 3/27/25 *Open to all NHS students. Minimum: 4 participants*

Description: The purpose of the Art Workshop after school club is to allow high school students the opportunity to explore their interests in Art. Students will work with their choice of medium to cultivate their skills and to enhance their learning. More serious artists, who plan to pursue art as a path to higher education, are encouraged to join this club to begin developing a work portfolio. **Art Workshop will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Mr. Kraminitz – bkraminitz@newmarkeducation.com

[Register Session III](#)

Newmark High School 2024-25 School Year (SY)

Student Hours: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM

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

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Absences, late arrival, early pick up, any transportation changes, etc.

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