



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, February 21, 2025

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Please see below for important information about the **2025 Extended School Year (ESY)** Program Eligibility for your child.

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

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

March 2025 Menu: [View](#) Lunch Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Packs options

Community Service Pretzel Sale: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 - \$1 each (2 max per student) - to benefit Newmark High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter.

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 provided to all participating students.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM. [View](#) Permission Form

Community Connections PIN Nominations Deadline: Friday March 7, 2025 - [View](#) Nomination Form

School Closed - Staff Development Day: Friday, March 21, 2025

K-8 After School Clubs - Session III: Ends March 27, 2025 - Registration is still open - [Register](#)

Save the Date: Newmark Annual Art Show - Newmark Celebrates the Arts: Friday, May 16, 2025

Community Service

- **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: 2025 Extended School Year (ESY) Eligibility

Newmark K-8 School provides **Extended School Year Programs (ESY)** for our students who are eligible through your local school district. The Newmark ESY Program is taught by our highly skilled educators and should not be thought of as a summer camp. This program allows us to work on student's soft skills while maintaining academic readiness.

The upcoming program is scheduled to run from **Tuesday, July 1, 2025, through Friday, July 25, 2025**. To qualify for ESY, agreement among the IEP Team, which includes you, your school district's Child Study Team and Newmark, is essential. The determination is typically made during the annual IEP meeting.

As in previous years, we require confirmation from parents and school districts regarding their students' attendance at ESY **no later than Thursday, May 1, 2025**. After this date, we cannot guarantee placement in the program. It is crucial to note that attending Newmark does not automatically grant eligibility for ESY per some districts. If your student participated last year, they should meet the criteria. To simplify:

- If your IEP meeting has already taken place, and it was decided that your student will attend ESY, no further action is required.
- If your IEP meeting is before May 1, 2025, eligibility and ESY placement can be confirmed during the meeting.
- If your IEP meeting is scheduled after May 1, 2025, kindly contact your case manager to discuss your student's eligibility and confirm with us by the deadline.

Please be aware that there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS to the May 1, 2025, deadline**, as we need sufficient time to plan classes and allocate staff. Also, students are expected to attend all four weeks of the ESY program. While we do allow some time for family vacation, attendance at other camps during this time is not in line with the program's intent and may disqualify your student from ESY services.

At this time, we plan on hosting ESY onsite with full days Monday through Thursday, with half day dismissal on Fridays.

[View](#) **Letter from Ms. Borea, Principal and the July 2025 Newmark ESY Calendar**

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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