



**NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Friday Backpack News**  
Friday, February 21, 2025

Dear Newmark High School Families,

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

**Stay connected!** Please check 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**

**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.

**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

**NHS Spring Show Cast Fee:** Due by Friday, February 28, 2025 - All NHS cast members will be charged a mandatory \$35 Spring Show fee, used towards the purchase of costumes, props and scenery. [Payment Link for Cast Only](#)

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

**NHS Spring Show:** Friday, March 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM onsite at Newmark. Families are invited to attend so please register the number of guests attending. [Register](#)

**Parent Transition Workshop:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - "Everything Changes When Your Child Turns 18" from 7:00-8:30 PM onsite at Newmark. Presentation will cover the legal issues and questions faced by families who have children with special needs and address the common mistakes parents make in planning their estate as it relates to children with special needs. *Parents only, no children please.* [Register](#)

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

**NHS After School Clubs - Session III:** Through March 27, 2025 - [Registration](#) is still open

**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 High 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 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.

**NOTE:** For high school students, attendance at ESY is strongly recommended unless they have secured employment or have an alternative plan supporting their transition out of high school. All positions must be secured prior to the IEP meeting.

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

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**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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