



**NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL**  
**Friday Backpack News**  
Friday, February 28, 2025

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

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

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### **School News & Information**

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

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

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

**Student-led Pay To Play Electronic Games Fundraiser:** Thursday, March 20, 2025.  
K-8 students can opt to play electronic handheld games to help raise money for local charities - cost is \$5.00 donation per student (cash or check payable to Newmark High School) for 30 minutes of game time. [View Letter and Permission Form](#) *Last day to register - Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

**K-8 School Spring Show Cast Fee:** Due by Thursday, March 20, 2025 - All Spring Show cast members will be charged a mandatory \$35 Spring Show Case Fee (used towards the purchase of costumes, props and scenery).

- **Lower School Spring Show Cast Fee** - includes students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes - [Payment Link](#) for Lower School Cast only
- **Middle School Spring Show Cast Fee** - includes students in Mrs. Necci, Mr.

Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes - [Payment Link](#) for Middle School Cast only

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

#### **Save The Dates: K-8 Spring Shows!**

- **Lower School Spring Show Performance:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM for students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. *Details coming soon.*
- **Middle School Spring Show Performance:** Friday, March 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM for students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. *Details coming soon.*

**School Closed - Spring Recess:** Friday, April 18 - Friday, April 25, 2025. School resumes Monday, April 28, 2025.

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

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

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