



**NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL**  
**FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS**  
Friday, March 14, 2025

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Newmark K-8 School students have been working hard preparing for this month's 2025 **Spring Performance!** If you haven't yet, RSVP for this event. Friends and family are welcome! *See details below.*

We are excited to welcome friends and families to the **2025 Newmark Art Show!** Please consider supporting our main fundraiser, **Newmark Celebrates the Arts on Friday, May 16, 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**

**March Lunch:** [View](#) menu

**Charity Dress Down Day:** Monday, March 17, 2025 - **Go Green!**

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

**2025 K-8 Spring Shows:** Families are invited, please use links below to RSVP for your child's class performance:

- **Lower School Spring Show Performance:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM. This performance will feature Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classrooms. [RSVP](#)
- **Middle School Spring Show Performance:** Friday, March 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM. This performance will feature students from Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classrooms. [RSVP](#)

**K-8 After School Clubs - Session III:** Ends March 27, 2025

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

**Newmark Annual Art Show - Newmark Celebrates the Arts:** Friday, May 16, 2025 - 6:00-8:00 PM. School-wide family event to celebrate student artists! *Ad deadline: Thursday, April 17, 2025* [Learn More](#)

- **Become a Sponsor:** Support Newmark's marquee fundraiser by becoming a sponsor or by asking your employer or favorite local business to sponsor this family-friendly event celebrating all our Newmark student artists.
- **Send an Artist Shout Out:** School photos make a great Artist Shout Out along with a message for your favorite artist.
- **Support The Arts:** Your donation helps support the innovative and inspiring Arts program at Newmark

#### **Community Service / FBLA**

- **School Store Baby Supply Drive:** Begins Friday, March 7, 2025 - Students will be able to use their School Store points to "purchase" baby supply items like diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, shampoo, cream and more to benefit Moms Helping Moms and the Post Family Farm
- **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*

## **Spotlight: K-8 After School Clubs & Programs**

### **Registration for Session IV is Open**

Newmark K-8 School is excited to offer Session IV After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students.

#### **How To Register:**

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

#### **Session IV: Begins week of April 7 through May 22, 2025**

##### **LEGO CHALLENGE | \$100 per session | TUESDAY | ONSITE**

**Session IV:** 4/8/25, 4/15/25, 4/29/25, 5/6/25, 5/13/25, 5/20/25 (No Club 4/22/25 – Spring Recess) - *Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants*

**Description:** In this club, students will build on creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking skills and cooperation in order to use Legos to build solutions to various engineering design challenges. Lego Challenge is designed to reinforce STEM concepts, encourage innovative thinking and cooperation/collaboration. **Lego Challenge runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.** Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Questions:** Ms. Finelli – [jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com)

##### **ADVANCED ART | \$100 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE - BY INVITE ONLY**

**Session IV:** 4/8/25, 4/15/25, 4/29/25, 5/6/25, 5/13/25, 5/20/25 (No Club 4/22/25 – Spring Recess) - *Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Min 6 participants*

**Description:** Advanced Art offers your child a small group/one-on-one art classroom environment for them to grow and learn more about art and their drawing skills. The program focus will be on the technical skills of drawing and sketching. Students will practice drawing from life and review the elements of art along with the principles of design. **The Advanced Art Program runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following**

after dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions: Mr. Sykes – [jsykes@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jsykes@newmarkeducation.com)

**NEW! NUMBER NINJAS | \$100 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE – BY INVITE ONLY**

**Session IV:** 4/8/25, 4/15/25, 4/29/25, 5/6/25, 5/13/25, 5/20/25 (No Club 4/22/25 – Spring Recess) - *Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants*

**Description:** Number Ninjas is an after-school program designed to enhance students' fundamental math skills and increase their fluency with basic math operations. This club will provide targeted support for students who require additional practice to strengthen their confidence and efficiency in mathematics. Through engaging activities, interactive games, and personalized instruction, students will develop a stronger foundation in essential math concepts. The club runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions: Ms. Kang – [jkang@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jkang@newmarkeducation.com)

**CHESS CLUB | \$100 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session IV:** 4/8/25, 4/15/25, 4/29/25, 5/6/25, 5/13/25, 5/20/25 (No Club 4/22/25 – Spring Recess) - *Open to students in Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz, Ms. Pantano, Mrs. Necci and Mr. Kerby's classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants*

**Description:** The Chess Club is open to students of all skill levels interested in learning and playing chess. Our after-school sessions focus on teaching the basics of the game, including the pieces, how they move, and various strategies. Each meeting provides instructional time to broaden your knowledge, followed by opportunities to play against fellow club members. Join us to develop your chess skills, challenge your mind and enjoy friendly competition! The club runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions: Ms. Bosie – [sbosie@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:sbosie@newmarkeducation.com)

**GAMER'S GUILD CLUB | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session IV:** 4/9/25, 4/16/25, 4/30/25, 5/7/25, 5/14/25, 5/21/25 (No Club 4/23/25 – Spring Recess)

*Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Min 6 participants*

**Description:** Students will be introduced to a variety of new games where they will develop an understanding of rules within an engaging and enjoyable environment. Students will work collaboratively through fantastical worlds like Dungeons and Dragons, as well as learn the value of partaking in friendly competition during card games. **The Club runs Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.** Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions: Ms. Finelli – [jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com)

**NEW! MATH MASTERY CLUB | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE – BY INVITE ONLY**

**Session IV:** 4/9/25, 4/16/25, 4/30/25, 5/7/25, 5/14/25, 5/21/25 (No Club 4/23/25 – Spring Recess)

*Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants*

**Description:** The Math Mastery Club is an after-school program designed to enhance students' fundamental math skills and increase their fluency with basic math operations. This club will provide targeted support for students who require additional practice to strengthen their confidence and efficiency in mathematics. Through engaging activities, interactive games, and personalized instruction, students will develop a stronger foundation in essential math concepts. The club runs Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions: Ms. Kang – [jkang@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jkang@newmarkeducation.com)

**INTRAMURALS | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session IV:** 4/9/25, 4/16/25, 4/30/25, 5/7/25, 5/14/25, 5/21/25 (No Club 4/23/25 – Spring

Recess)

*Open to all K-8 students. Min 10 participants*

**Description:** The Intramurals Club is designed to allow all students to participate in a variety of activities with their friends, while learning game fundamentals in a fun and lightly competitive environment. **Intramurals is offered on Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM.** Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Questions:** Mr. C. O'Connor – [coconnor@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:coconnor@newmarkeducation.com)

#### **MINECRAFT EDUCATIONAL CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | VIRTUAL**

**Session IV:** 4/10/25, 4/17/25, 5/1/25, 5/8/25, 5/15/25, 5/22/25 (No Club 4/24/25 – Spring Recess)

*Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min 6 participants; max 15 participants*

**Description:** Microsoft Minecraft is an educational game-based learning platform that promotes collaboration and problem-solving in an immersive digital environment. It enhances creativity, self-direction, and other life skills. Virtually, Microsoft Minecraft complements reading, writing, math, and even history learnings. Importantly, Minecraft also instills business principles, STEM knowledge and a global perspective. Before registering, please understand participating students must own the Minecraft and have it downloaded. **Minecraft is offered virtually on Thursday afternoons and will run from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.**

**Questions:** Mr. Osiadacz - [POsiadacz@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:POsiadacz@newmarkeducation.com)

#### **COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session IV:** 4/10/25, 4/17/25, 5/1/25, 5/8/25, 5/15/25, 5/22/25 (No Club 4/24/25 – Spring Recess)

*Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Min 6 participants; max 15 participants*

**Description:** The Computer Science Club offers students the opportunity to delve into engaging topics like game design and web development, fostering creativity and critical thinking in a fun and supportive environment. Students will benefit from targeted instruction as they explore the exciting world of coding and technology. Participants can look forward to hands-on projects, collaborative learning experiences, and the chance to unleash their potential in the field of computer science. **Computer Science Club is offered on Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

**Questions:** Mr. Rose – [trose@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:trose@newmarkeducation.com)

#### **CHARACTER DESIGN CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session IV:** 4/10/25, 4/17/25, 5/1/25, 5/8/25, 5/15/25, 5/22/25 (No Club 4/24/25 – Spring Recess)

*Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants*

**Description:** The Character Design Club welcomes students who enjoy creating and drawing characters. The Club will focus on the fundamentals of character design including anatomy, expressions and storytelling. Each Thursday, participants will have instructional time to work on drawing techniques, followed by opportunities to develop ideas and collaborate with fellow peers. Join us to develop your artistic skills, unleash your creativity and bring your characters to life! **Character Design Club is offered on Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

**Questions:** Ms. Kang – [jkang@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jkang@newmarkeducation.com)

**[Register for Session IV](#)**

**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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