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## NHS Friday Backpack News - 1/9/26

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### NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS Friday, January 9, 2026

Dear Newmark High School Families,

We are so excited to welcome new and returning Newmark families to the **Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night on Friday, February 6, 2026 from 5:30-8:00 PM!** This popular school event brings Newmark K-8 and High School families together to share a meal. Tickets must be purchased in advance - *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

**January Menu:** [View](#) Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Plan options

**2026 ACT Prep Course - Juniors:** Tuesdays, February 3 - March 31, 2026. Pollak Tutors will teach course after school on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-4:30 PM for \$1299 due Friday, January 9, 2026. [Learn more](#) and [Register](#)

**Community Connections PIN Nominations Deadline:** Friday, January 9, 2026 - [View](#) Nomination Form

**Newmark Parent Transition Virtual Workshop - DDD Information:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - Newmark High School will host an informational workshop on navigating the DDD service system for Juniors and Seniors and their parents. The Virtual Workshop begins at 6:30 PM. [Register](#)

**Community Service "Chips For Children" Sale:** Thursday, January 15 & Friday, January 16, 2026 - Students can purchase small bag of chips for \$1, max of 2 bags- Sign up to [contribute](#) items for sale.

**School Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Monday, January 19, 2026

**NHS After School Clubs - Session II:** Ends January 22, 2026. *See below for Session III Registration*

**NHS Teen Night Social - iPlay America:** Friday, January 30, 2026 - Open to all High School students. Social will be from 2:15-7:45 PM. Parents need to provide transportation home from Newmark promptly at 7:45 PM. \$40 fee - [View](#) Permission Form

**Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night:** Friday, February 6, 2026 from 5:30- 8:00 PM - This popular school event will bring Newmark K-8 and High School families together for dinner and a chance to connect with other Newmark families. There will be fun activities for students. Parents are invited to bring a bottle of wine. Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$10 per child (18 and under) and includes dinner, beverages and dessert. *Tickets must be purchased in advance before Thursday, February 5, 2026* - [Purchase](#) **Tickets**

**Save the Date: Newmark Annual Art Show - Newmark Celebrates the Arts:** Friday, May 15, 2026

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

- **FBLA Coffee Cake Fundraiser:** Through Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - 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

### **Spotlight: NHS After School Clubs - Session III**

#### **Registration is Now Open - Begins Week of February 9, 2026**

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 9 through April 2, 2026**

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

**Session III:** 2/10/26, 2/17/26, 2/24/26, 3/3/26, 3/10/26, 3/17/26, 3/24/26, 3/31/26

*Open to all NHS students – By Invite Only. Min: 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: Mrs. Brower - [kbrower@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:kbrower@newmarkeducation.com)**

##### **MUSIC DESIGN CLUB | \$100 | TUESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session III:** 2/10/26, 2/17/26, 2/24/26, 3/3/26, 3/10/26, 3/17/26, 3/24/26, 3/31/26

*Open to all NHS students. Min: 6 participants*

**Description:** We'll explore music production techniques such as sampling, arranging, mixing and recording vocals and instruments. Our instructor, Mr. Souza, has over a decade of experience in the music industry, having released 83 albums of his own and running an independent record label that distributes vinyl, cassettes and CDs. The goal of our class is to have fun creating music and potentially even press a one-of-a-kind vinyl featuring the songs we make. This class is perfect for anyone interested in songwriting, computer DAWs (digital audio workstations) or the behind-the-scenes process of making, releasing and promoting music. **Music Design Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 3:15 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

**Questions? Mr. Souza – [esouza@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:esouza@newmarkeducation.com)**

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

**Session III:** 2/10/26, 2/17/26, 2/24/26, 3/3/26, 3/10/26, 3/17/26, 3/24/26, 3/31/26

*Open to all NHS students. Minimum: 4 participants; Maximum – 6 participants*

**Description:** The purpose of The Fundamentals of Cooking club is to provide students the skills to promote confidence in the kitchen for independent daily living. Each session, students will have the opportunity to choose a recipe the group will make while working on essential skills of the kitchen such as cutting, how to be safe using the stove and the oven and managing a clean working environment. By the end of Session III, students will be able to confidently and competently execute the skills introduced and practiced throughout the term. **Fundamentals of Cooking will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

**Questions:** Ms. Brozena – [jbrozena@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:jbrozena@newmarkeducation.com)

**CODING CLUB | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session III:** 2/11/26, 2/18/26, 2/25/26, 3/4/26, 3/11/26, 3/18/26, 3/25/26, 4/1/26

*Open to all NHS students. Min: 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 those who 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](mailto:trose@newmarkeducation.com)

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

**Session III:** 2/12/26, 2/19/26, 2/26/26, 3/5/26, 3/12/26, 3/19/26, 3/26/26, 4/2/26

*Open to all NHS students. Min: 6 participants*

**Description:** Students will participate 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 run virtually from 3:15 PM and will end at 4:30 PM. .**

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

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

**Session III:** 2/12/26, 2/19/26, 2/26/26, 3/5/26, 3/12/26, 3/19/26, 3/26/26, 4/2/26

*Open to all NHS students. 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](mailto:kpearson@newmarkeducation.com)

**REGISTER FOR SESSION III**

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**Newmark High School 2025-26 (SY)**

Student Hours: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM

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

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