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## Newmark K-8 Friday Backpack News - 1/30/26

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### NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL Friday Backpack News Friday, January 30, 2026

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Get ready for Newmark School Spirit Week, starting on Monday, February 2 2026!

Final grades for 2nd Marking Period (Q2) will be posted on your PowerSchool Parent Portal on Friday, January 30, 2026 after 3:00 PM. Report cards will not be sent home - *see below*.

If you haven't yet, please purchase your Newmark Spaghetti Dinner Tickets for next Friday, February 6, 2026. See details below.

As always, we appreciate you **checking your email weekly for Parent Alerts and your Friday Backpack News** or you may miss important school information impacting your child. You can also access past issues archived on our [website](#).

### School News & Information

**2nd Quarter Report Cards:** View your child's report card on your PowerSchool Parent Portal after 3:00 PM today:

- Login to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account
- Under Navigation menu, select Report Card
- Contact [forms@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:forms@newmarkeducation.com) with any questions

**February 2026 Menu:** [View](#) Lunch Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Packs options

**School Spirit Week:** Begins Monday, February 2, 2026 - *see below*

**Super Bowl Dress Down Day:** Friday, February 6, 2026 - Wear your favorite sports jersey!

**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 by Thursday, February 5, 2026 - [Purchase](#) Tickets* \*Bring a canned good for the Food Drive

**We Need Your Help! Parent Volunteer Survey - 2026 Spring Events:** Please complete [Survey](#) by Thursday, February 12, 2026

**K-8 After School Clubs - Session III:** Begins week of February 9- April 2, 2026 - Registration is now open - [Register](#)

**School Closed for Winter Recess:** Friday, February 13 and Monday, February 16, 2026

**Student Social - Teen Afternoon at Yestercades** Friday, February 20, 2026- 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 4:30 PM. Fee: \$25 includes *Yestercades admission*.. Students must be picked up by parent/guardian at 4:30 PM from Newmark. [View](#) Permission Form

**Student Social - Kids Afternoon:** Friday, February 27, 2026 - For students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo 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

**NEW! 2026-27 Newmark K-8 School Year Calendar:** [View](#)

### Community Service / FBLA

- **New! Community Service Food Drive:** Monday, February 2-Friday, February 20, 2026. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food including cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly and canned goods like meat, fruit and vegetables. Items collected will benefit Fanwood Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains. *Collection box in the school foyer*
- **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
- **School Store Baby Drive:** Through Friday, February 20, 2026 - 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.

## Spotlight: Newmark School Spirit Week

Newmark School Spirit Week is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 2, 2026 We have many fun activities planned for our Newmark K-8 students and staff to show their Newmark School Spirit.

**Monday, February 2, 2026: Crazy Sock Dress Down Day** (Come to school in your craziest socks)

- Students vs. Teachers Dodgeball Game

**Tuesday, February 3, 2026: School Colors Dress Down Day** (Wear Orange and Blue)

- Basketball Home Game vs. Pompton Lakes

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026: Favorite PJs Dress Down Day** (Come to school in your coziest PJs)

- World Read Aloud Day

**Thursday, February 5, 2026: Newmark Gear Dress Down Day** (Wear your favorite Newmark clothing.)

- Bowling at Lucky Strike Bowl
- Sub-sandwich luncheon provided by Newmark School (or your child can bring in their own lunch)
- Scavenger Hunt
- Awards Assembly

**Friday, February 6, 2026: Super Bowl Dress Down Day** (Wear your favorite sports jersey to celebrate the Super Bowl)

- Bingo Activity
- Annual Spaghetti Dinner – 5:30 PM for the whole family ([Tickets](#) available for purchase). *Bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Drive*

**GO LIONS!**

**Read Letter** from Ms. Borea, Principal  
*Subject to change*

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**Newmark K-8 School 2025-26 School Year (SY)**  
**Student Hours:** Mondays-Friday: 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM  
Early Dismissal / Half Days: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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