
NHS Friday Backpack News - 2/6/26

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NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, February 6, 2026

Dear Newmark High School Families,

We are so excited to welcome new and returning Newmark families to the **Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night tonight from 5:30-8:00 PM!** This popular school event brings Newmark K-8 and High School families together to share a meal. There is still time to purchase tickets - *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

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

Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night: Friday, February 6, 2026 from 5:30- 8:00 PM - 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. [Purchase Tickets](#) - **Please bring a non-perishable food item to support the Community Services Food Drive tonight!**

NHS ACT Test Registration: Week of February 9, 2026 - If your teen is taking the ACTs in April 2026, please submit completed [ACT Consent Form](#) and payment no later than Wednesday, February 11, 2026. [Read More](#)

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

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

For Juniors - Jostens Ring Presentation: Thursday, February 12, 2026 - Presentation for interested Juniors to order and size class rings. Seniors interested in ordering a class ring can email Mr. Kraminitz at BKraminitz@newmarkeducation.com.

Parent Transition – "Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship" Transition Informational Workshop: Wednesday, March 4 - 7:00-8:30 PM. Join us for an informational workshop on navigating Guardianship, targeted to parents of Juniors and Seniors onsite at Newmark. Workshop is free but advance registration is required. *Parents only, please.* [Register](#) by Tuesday, March 3, 2026

NEW! NHS Spring Show Cast Fee: Due by Thursday, March 5, 2026 - 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](#)

Save The Date! NHS Spring Show: Friday, March 6, 2026 - 7:00 PM. *Details coming soon*

Community Service / FBLA

- **Community Service Food Drive:** Through 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*
- **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.
- **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

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**

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**

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

NEW! IP 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 IP Club is an academic support club designed to provide students with a structured, supportive environment in which they can complete Independent Practice (IP) and other academic assignments with direct access to teacher guidance. The club offers consistent routines, clear expectations and individualized assistance to help students stay on task, manage their workload and build independence. In addition to assignment support, the IP Club emphasizes executive functioning skills such as organization, time management, planning and task initiation, while also incorporating appropriate breaks and evidence-based study strategies to promote focus and reduce academic stress. This club serves as a proactive support to help students build confidence, improve academic outcomes and develop skills essential for long-term success. **IP Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Mr. Allman-Cooper -

[jacooper@newmarkeducation.com] jacooper@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

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

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

REGISTER FOR SESSION III

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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