
Newmark K-8 Friday Backpack News - 2/13/26

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NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS Friday, February 13, 2026

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Please see below for important information about the **2026 Extended School Year (ESY)** Program Eligibility for your child.

We strongly encourage you to keep checking your email weekly for Parent Alerts and your Friday Backpack News. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

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

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

K-8 After School Clubs - Session III: In Progress Through April 2, 2026 - Registration is still open - [Register](#)

Student Social - Teen Afternoon 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. 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

Community Connections PIN Nominations Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2026 - [View](#) Nomination Form

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: July 2026 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 **Wednesday, July 1, 2026, through Friday, July 24, 2026.**

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 Friday, May 1, 2026.** 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, 2026, eligibility and ESY placement can be confirmed during the meeting.
- If your IEP meeting is scheduled after May 1, 2026, 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, 2026**, 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. Please contact Principal Borea if you have any questions.

For high school students, attendance at ESY is strongly recommended unless they have secured employment or have an alternative plan supporting their transition out of high school. All positions must be secured prior to the IEP meeting.

[View Letter from Ms. Borea, Principal and the July 2026 Newmark ESY Calendar](#)

Newmark K-8 School 2025-26 School Year

Student Hours: 8:45 AM – 2:30 PM

Early Dismissal: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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