
Newmark K-8 Friday Backpack News - 2/20/26

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NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL Friday Backpack News Friday, February 20, 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.

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School News & Information

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 4:30PM. Fee: \$25 includes admission. Students must be picked up by parent/guardian at 4:30 PM from Newmark. [View](#) Permission Form

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

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 Service Pretzel Sale: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - \$2 each or \$3 for 2 (2 max per student) to benefit Newmark High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

School Closed - Staff Development Day: Friday, March 20, 2026

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

K-8 School Spring Show Cast Fee: Due by Friday, March 6, 2026 - All Spring Show students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms.

Pantano's classes will be charged a mandatory \$35 Cast Fee - [Payment Link](#) (used towards the purchase of costumes, props and scenery).

School Spring Show Performance: Friday, March 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM for students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano's classes. [RSVP](#)

Middle School Spring Show Performance: Friday, March 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM for students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. *Details coming soon.*

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

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.

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 me directly if you have any questions.

[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

Half Days: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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