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## NHS Friday Backpack News - 4/3/26

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### NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS Friday, April 3, 2026

Dear Newmark High School Families,

**We wish all of our Newmark Families a very happy Spring Recess!**  
School resumes Monday, April 13, 2026.

**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

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

**School Closed - Spring Recess:** Friday, April 3 - Friday, April 10, 2026. School resumes Monday, April 13, 2026.

**Spring ACT Administration for Registered Students:** Monday, April 13-Friday, April 17, 2026

**2026 NHS Spring Semi-Formal:** Friday, April 17, 2026 - "A Night In Hollywood" at the Cranford Social from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. [Register Today!](#)

**NJSLA Testing for ELA, Math and Science:** Begins April 27, 2026. [Read more](#)

**2026 Newmark Art Show:** Friday, May 15, 2026 - Support the Arts at Newmark! How You Can Help:

- Become an Art Show [Sponsor](#)
- Ask your company, friends or family to be an Art Show [Sponsor](#)
- Send your teen an [Artist Shout Out](#)
- **Attend the Art Show** with friends & family (*tickets go on sale in April*)
- Support the Arts at Newmark with a [donation](#)

[Community Service / FBLA](#)

- **School Store Military Drive:** Friday, March 6 - Friday, April 17, 2026 - Students will be able to use their School Store points to "purchase" Military Drive items from the School Store. All donations will go to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park in Edison.

## Spotlight: NHS After School Clubs - Session IV

### Registration is Now Open

Newmark High School provides After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students.

#### 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 IV: Begins week of April 20 through May 28, 2026

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

**Session IV:** 4/21/26, 4/28/26, 5/5/26, 5/12/26, 5/19/26, 5/26/26

*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 IV:** 4/21/26, 4/28/26, 5/5/26, 5/12/26, 5/19/26, 5/26/26

*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 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

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

#### **BBQ COOKING CLUB | \$150 per session | TUESDAYS| ONSITE**

**Session IV:** 4/21/26, 4/28/26, 5/5/26, 5/12/26, 5/19/26, 5/26/26

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

**Description:** The BBQ Cooking Club will focus on having students come together and learn how to make dishes using a grill as the main cooking method! Each week, students will be working outside to learn how to grill different types of meat, vegetables, fruits, and even desserts and side dishes, while learning how to use a grill safely. Students will also work on their cutting and other fundamental cooking skills in a safe environment. **BBQ 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)**

#### **COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING | Free | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE**

**Session IV:** 4/22/26, 4/29/26, 5/6/26, 5/13/26, 5/20/26, 5/27/26

*Open to all JUNIORS only. Min: 8 participants*

**Description:** Free College Essay Writing club will provide students with guidance on crafting an effective personal narrative, advice on the structural organization of the essay, and a space to revise and edit based on constructive feedback. By the end of the course, students will have written an engaging essay that reveals their personality and strengths. **College Essay Writing will begin immediately after school and will end at**

**4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

**Questions: Mr. Walton - [cwalton@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:cwalton@newmarkeducation.com)**

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

**Session IV: 4/22/26, 4/29/26, 5/6/26, 5/13/26, 5/20/26, 5/27/26**

*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)**

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**Questions: Mr. Walton - [cwalton@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:cwalton@newmarkeducation.com)**

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

**Session IV: 4/23/26, 4/30/26, 5/7/26, 5/14/26, 5/21/26, 5/28/26**

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

**Description:** Debate Club offers an engaging opportunity for students to develop critical thinking, public speaking and respectful discussion skills in a supportive and collaborative environment. Participants will explore current events and thought-provoking topics, learn how to research and build strong arguments and practice presenting their ideas clearly and confidently. Meetings will include structured debates, team activities and opportunities to analyze multiple perspectives while learning how to support opinions with evidence. The club focuses on strengthening communication, listening and reasoning skills that are valuable in school, future careers and everyday decision-making. Students of all experience levels are welcome, and the emphasis is on learning, collaboration and having thoughtful conversations about important issues. **Debate Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

**Questions: Mr. Allman-Cooper - [acooper@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:acooper@newmarkeducation.com)**

**[Register for Session IV](#)**

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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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