
Newmark High School Friday Backpack News - 4/17/26

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NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL Friday Backpack News Friday, April 17, 2026

Dear Newmark High School Families,

Your teen's 3rd Marking Period grades will be available to view this afternoon after 3:00 PM on your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Report cards will not be sent home - *see below*.

This is the last week to sponsor or purchase an Artist Shout Out for the **2026 Newmark Art Show!** Please consider supporting our main fundraiser, **Newmark Celebrates the Arts on Friday, May 15, 2026**. The **deadline is today, April 17, 2026**. *See details below*.

Stay connected! Please check your email every week for important Parent Alerts and Friday Backpack News. You can also access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

2026 NHS Spring Semi-Formal: Friday, April 17, 2026 - "A Night In Hollywood" at the Cranford Social from 6:30 - 9:00 PM.

3rd Quarter Report Cards: View your teen'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

For any PowerSchool Parent Portal login questions, please contact forms@newmarkeducation.com

May 2026 Lunch: [View](#) menu

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

2026 Newmark Art Show: Support the Arts at Newmark! **All ads must be submitted no later than Monday, April 20, 2026**. How You Can Help:

- Become an Art Show [Sponsor](#)

- Ask your company, friends or family to be an Art Show **Sponsor**
- Send your child 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**

Teacher Appreciation Week: Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 8, 2026 - Send a kind word or message to your student's teacher!

Parent-Sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - The Newmark Parent Committee is planning a Parent-Sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon to celebrate the Newmark teachers & staff. Find out how you can help! Please contact Emily Marchese at emilyemarchese@gmail.com

School Nurse Appreciation Day: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - Be sure to thank our School Nurse - Mrs. Carroll for all of her hard work keeping students and staff safe at Newmark!

Community Connections PIN Nominations Deadline: Friday, May 8, 2026 - [View](#) Nomination Form

Community Service / FBLA

- **School Store Military Drive:** Ends 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 Open!

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 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**

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE 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: The Community Service Club is designed to give students an appreciation and understanding of community and global concerns. The Club is project-based and student-driven which enables students to grow in ways that enrich their lives as individuals, as members of local communities and as citizens of the global community. **Community Service Club will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions: Ms. Hartman - shartman@newmarkeducation.com

[Register for Session IV](#)

Newmark High School 2025-26 School Year

Student Hours: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM

Half Day: 8:20 AM - 12:20 PM

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