
NHS Friday Backpack News - 7/17/26

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NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
ESY FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
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Dear Newmark High School Families,

Stay connected! Returning parents are familiar with our weekly Friday Backpack News and Parent Alerts. For new families, we strongly encourage you to check your email every week during ESY, and then again starting mid-August for important Newmark school news and information.

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School News & Information

ESY Half Day Fridays: Friday, July 17 & Friday, July 24, 2026 - Early dismissal for high school students at 12:20 PM

July Lunch: [View](#) menu

Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Tuesdays: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - Hot Dogs & Ice Cream/Italian Ice every Tuesday during ESY (no charge).

New! Last Day of ESY: Monday July 27, 2026. There will be an early dismissal for NHS students at 12:20 PM - [View](#) Calendar

NHS 2026-27 School Year Calendar: [View](#)

Spotlight: 2026 NHS Summer Reading Program

The NHS 2026 Summer Reading Program is designed to help students strengthen their reading comprehension skills while fostering a love for reading. Each year, students are encouraged to select a high-interest novel to make reading an enjoyable and engaging experience. Students can read as many books as they like over the summer.

This year, all students—whether or not they are attending ESY—are required to read one book from the provided reading list.

- **Students attending ESY** will have the opportunity to select their book in advance. Copies of the chosen book will be available in the English classroom on the first day of ESY.
- **Students NOT attending ESY** are expected to purchase their book from a bookstore of their choice.

During the first weeks of school, students will complete a required English class assignment based on the book they read. They will choose from a variety of creative options on a choice board, including writing a diary entry, designing a collage, creating a soundtrack, compiling a book of poetry or writing a letter to the author. This assignment will be graded and count toward their first-quarter English grade.

Please have your teen bring in their summer reading book on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

[Learn More and View 2026 NHS Summer Reading Book List](#)

Newmark High School 2026-27 Extended School Year (ESY/School Year (SY)

ESY Student Hours:

Mondays - Thursdays: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM

Fridays/Early Dismissal: 8:20 AM - 12:20 PM

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