
Newmark K-8 Friday Backpack News - 8/21/26

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NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, August 21, 2026

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We hope that you and your family are enjoying the summer! We look forward to seeing your child at Newmark on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026** for the first day of school!

We appreciate your support to streamline our communication process at Newmark. We strongly encourage you to keep checking your email weekly for Parent Alerts and your Friday Backpack News or you may miss important school information impacting your child. Please contact forms@newmarkeducation.com if you aren't receiving any emails or have a new email address. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

2026-27 School Year Checklist: [View](#) School Year Checklist for more information and additional forms as needed: Medical Release, Free & Reduced Lunch and more.

Questions: forms@newmarkeducation.com

Sports Participation Update: Newmark Middle School requires all students participating in athletic activities (basketball, soccer) during the 2026-27 School Year to have a current physical and other required forms on file in the school nurse's office before a student can participate in any practice or competition. [View](#) Sports Physical Forms

K-8 Summer Reading Program 2026: Over the summer vacation we would like our students to continue to read in order to enhance their reading skills and complete projects.
[View](#) K-8 Summer 2026 Reading

September 2026 Menu: [View](#) Lunch and Flexible Meal Packs options

Save The Dates For Fall 2026

- **First Day of School:** Tuesday, September 8, 2026
- **Mandatory New Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 9:30 AM - for new parents only
- **Newmark K-8 School Picture Day:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026
- **Newmark K-8 Back To School Night:** Wednesday, October 1, 2026

Spotlight: Newmark K-8 School 2026-27 After School Clubs **Registration Is Now Open For Session I**

Newmark K-8 School is excited to offer 2026-27 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 I: Begins week of September 14, 2026 through November 4, 2026

- **All Club are Onsite:** Clubs or Programs will begin directly after school and end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking up their child promptly at dismissal.

ARTS CLUB | \$100 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE

Session I: 9/15/26, 9/22/26, 9/29/26, 10/6/26, 10/13/26, 10/20/26, 10/27/26, 11/3/26
Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma/Ms. Frommeyer, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants

Description: Open to all lower school students, Art Club focuses on building fine art skills through fun, hands-on projects. Students will explore drawing, painting, clay and other creative activities while reinforcing skills learned in art class. **The club runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Mr. Sykes - jsykes@newmarkeducation.com

LEGO CHALLENGE | \$100 per session | TUESDAY | ONSITE

Session I: 9/15/26, 9/22/26, 9/29/26, 10/6/26, 10/13/26, 10/20/26, 10/27/26, 11/3/26
Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma/Ms. Frommeyer, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants

Description: In this club, students will build on creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking skills and cooperation in order to use Legos to build solutions to various engineering design challenges. Lego Challenge is designed to reinforce STEM concepts, encourage innovative thinking and cooperation/collaboration. **Lego Challenge runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Ms. Finelli - jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

GAMER'S GUILD CLUB | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE

Session I: 9/16/26, 9/23/26, 9/30/26, 10/7/26, 10/14/26, 10/21/26, 10/28/26, 11/4/26
Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mr. O'Connor/Mrs. Klier and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang classes. Mn: 6 participants

Description: Gamers' Guild is designed to introduce and build concepts of collaborative and imaginative play within a group setting as students are introduced to fantastical worlds within tabletop games such as Dungeons & Dragons and Daggerheart. Students will work

alongside each other to overcome challenges, create strategies and learn improvisation. **The Club runs Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Ms. Finelli - jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

INTRAMURALS | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE

Session I: 9/16/26, 9/23/26, 9/30/26, 10/7/26, 10/14/26, 10/21/26, 10/28/26, 11/4/26

Open to all K-8 students. Min: 10 participants

Description: The Intramurals Club is designed to allow all students to participate in a variety of activities with their friends, while learning game fundamentals in a fun and lightly competitive environment. **Intramurals is offered on Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Mr. C. O'Connor – coconnor@newmarkeducation.com

MINECRAFT EDUCATIONAL CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE

Session I: 9/17/26, 9/24/26, 10/1/26, 10/8/26, 10/15/26, 10/22/26, 10/29/26

Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma/Ms. Frommeyer, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano classes. Min: 6 participants; max: 15 participants

Description: Microsoft Minecraft is an educational, game-based learning platform that promotes creativity, collaboration and problem-solving in an immersive digital environment. It enhances self-direction and other life skills. Virtually, Microsoft Minecraft complements reading, writing, math and even history learnings. Importantly, Minecraft also instills business principles, STEM knowledge and a global perspective. Before registering, please understand participating students must own the Minecraft and have it downloaded. **Minecraft is offered on Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Mr. Osiadacz - posiadacz@newmarkeducation.com

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE

Session I: 9/17/26, 9/24/26, 10/1/26, 10/8/26, 10/15/26, 10/22/26, 10/29/26

Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mr. O'Connor/Mrs. Klier and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang classes. Min: 6 participants; max: 15 participants

Description: The Computer Science Club offers students the opportunity to delve into engaging topics like game design and web development, fostering creativity and critical thinking in a fun and supportive environment. Students will benefit from targeted instruction as they explore the exciting world of coding and technology. Participants can look forward to hands-on projects, collaborative learning experiences, and the chance to unleash their potential in the field of computer science. **Computer Club runs Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking up their child promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Mr. Rose - trose@newmarkeducation.com

Subject to change.

Newmark K-8 School 2026-27 School Year (SY)

Student Hours:

Mondays-Fridays: 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM

Early Dismissal/Half Days: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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Absences, late arrival, early pick up, any transportation changes, etc.

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