
NHS Friday Backpack News - 8/28/26

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NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS Friday, August 28, 2026

Dear Newmark High School Families,

We are so excited to see your teen at Newmark on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026** for the first day of school!

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 for important Newmark school news and information.

All school communication is sent via SchoolMessenger. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

September Lunch: [View](#) menu

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

2026-27 Newmark 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

2026-27 Sports Participation: Newmark High School requires all high school students participating in athletic activities (Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Winter Track, Spring Track) during the 2026-27 School Year to have 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

NHS Summer Reading Program 2026: All NHS students are required to read one book from the provided lists. Students who are attending ESY will have an opportunity to choose their book in advance and it will be available in the English classroom on the first day of ESY. **NHS Summer 2026 Reading** [View](#)

Save The Dates For Fall:

- **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 High School Picture Day:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026
- **Newmark High School Back To School Night:** Wednesday, September 30, 2026

SPOTLIGHT: NHS 2026-27 After School Clubs

Registration for Session I is Now Open

Newmark High School provides After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students for the 2026-27 School Year. 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 High 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: Club or Program will begin directly after school and end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking up their teen promptly at dismissal.

BBQ COOKING CLUB | \$150 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 all NHS students. Min: 4 participants; max: 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. Please note: BBQ Cooking Club is offered for Session I & IV only. **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

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

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 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 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 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

CODING 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 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 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

COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING | Free | WEDNESDAY | 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 Seniors 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

TABLE TOP ROLEPLAYING GAMES | \$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 all NHS students. Min: 6 participants

Description: Students will engage in an adventure through games like Dungeons and Dragons or Daggerheart, developing a greater understanding of the rules while within an engaging and enjoyable environment. Students will create their own characters and work collaboratively through an imaginative, fantastical world. **Table Top Roleplaying Games Club will start after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

Questions? Ms. Finelli - jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

Subject to change.

Newmark High School 2026-27 School Year (SY)

Student Hours:

Mondays - Fridays: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM

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

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