
NHS Friday Backpack News - 9/4/26

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NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS
Friday, September 4, 2026

Dear Newmark High School Families,

We wish you a very happy and safe Labor Day! Just a reminder that the new school year will begin for students on Tuesday, September 8, 2026!

A reminder to all families: Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for information regarding student food allergies. If you send food for any classroom event or party, include a list of all ingredients, whether the item is homemade or purchased from a store. Your cooperation helps us ensure the safety of all students.

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School News & Information

School Begins: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - NHS students begin at 8:20 AM

September 2026 Lunch: [View](#) menu

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 - *details coming soon*

Newmark High School Back To School Night: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 - *details coming soon*

NHS 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](#) NHS Summer 2026 Reading

NHS After School Clubs for 2026-27 School Year: Register - [View](#) Clubs dates, descriptions and prices. *Session I registration is now open.*

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

Spotlight: Independent Practice (IP)

What is Independent Practice (IP)?

Newmark offers the opportunity for students to practice their academic skills away from the classroom. Independent Practice is given nightly. Independent Practice is important because it helps students develop and refine intellectual skills, develop into independent learners and nurture an identity as successful learners. The purpose of Independent Practice is to check whether the student understands a concept or skill; to practice a skill learned in class; to preview something he/she will learn in class soon and to review for a test or quiz.

How much IP should my teen get?

Research recommends the 10-minute rule for IP, which means that for whatever grade the student is in, they will receive 10 minutes of practice. Newmark High School students will receive no more than 90-120 minutes of Independent Practice per night.

While Independent Practice is an assessment for feedback, all assignments are reviewed with an Independent Practice rubric and are 10% of your student's quarterly grade. The IP rubric is discussed with students to provide guidance on assignment completion. Parents can view the IP rubric within the student's Schoology courses in the parent resource folder.

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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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