
Newmark K-8 Friday Backpack News - 9/4/26

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NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS Friday, September 4, 2026

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Happy Labor Day Weekend on behalf of the Newmark staff! Just a reminder that the first day of the new school year will be 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 - K-8 students begin at 8:45 AM

Contacting the Main Office: Absence / Late Arrival / Early Pick Up

- To report a student absence, late arrival or early pick up during the 2026-27 school year, email absence@newmarkeducation.com or call the Main Office at 908-753-0330 by 8:00 AM each morning.

- If you are picking your child up at the end of the school day, contact the Main Office by 12:00 PM, otherwise the student will go home on the bus as planned.
- If your child will be late and ordering a school lunch, you must contact the Main Office by 8:00 AM. No lunch can be ordered after 9:00 AM per our catering company.

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

K-8 September Lunch Menu: [View](#)

K-8 After School Clubs for 2026-27 School Year: Begins week of September 14, 2026 - [Register](#) - Club dates, descriptions and prices. Online registration is now open.

Mandatory New Parent Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 9:30 AM - *for new parents only*

Student Social - Teen Afternoon: Friday, September 18, 2026- For students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes only. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:45 until 4:30 PM (unless noted). *Fee: \$25 per date. Individually wrapped snacks and water will provided to all participating students.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM. [View](#) Permission Form

Newmark K-8 School Picture Day: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - *details coming soon*

Newmark K-8 Back To School Night: Thursday, October 1, 2026 - *details coming soon*

K-8 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 child have?

Research recommends the 10-minute rule for Independent Practice, which means that for whatever grade your student is in, he/she will receive 10 minutes of practice. For example, if students are in 3rd grade, they will receive no more than 30 minutes of Independent Practice per night.

Although Independent Practice is an informal assessment for feedback, all assignments are reviewed with an Independent Practice rubric and included within the course grade as a percentage of the grade for data tracking purposes. 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.

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

Student Hours:

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

Early Dismissal: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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Contact Newmark Main Office

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