
Newmark High School Friday Backpack News - 9/11/26

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NEWMARK HIGH SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, September 11, 2026

Dear Newmark High School Families,

Welcome to the 2026-27 School Year! Please save the date for the Newmark High School Back To School Night on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

Stay connected! Please check your email every week for important Parent Alerts and Friday Backpack News. You can also access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

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

REMINDER! 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

REMINDER! Sports Participation: Newmark High School requires all high school students participating in athletic activities (Soccer, Cross Country, Winter Track, Spring Track, Basketball) 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

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

School-Wide Dress Down Day - Wear Your Favorite Jersey: Friday, September 18, 2026 - Newmark staff raises money for various children's charities in order to "dress down" with different themes throughout the year. To get everyone in the spirit, we encourage students to join in the spirit.

NWEA Testing Begins: Week of Monday, September 21, 2026

Newmark High School Picture Day: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - [Learn more](#)

Newmark High School Back To School Night: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 - 5:30-8:00 PM - parents only (*refreshments will be served*)

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

SPOTLIGHT: After School Clubs

Registration for Session I is Now Open

Activities are offered for 4 sessions, with each session running 6 to 9 weeks in length, noting days off due to holiday breaks.

Session I: Begins week of September 14, 2026 through November 4, 2026

- **Register online** to pay by credit card (\$3.00 fee), check payable to Newmark High School or cash (Checks/cash can be sent into the Main Office).
- **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 3:15 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/Half Days: 8:20 AM - 12:20 PM

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