



Fall 2026

Newmark K-8 News

NEWMARK
K-8 School



Adonis and Ms. Borea on the first day of school

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2026–2027 School Year!

We are excited to begin another wonderful year at Newmark K-8! Our students have had a terrific start, quickly settling into their classrooms, reconnecting with friends and staff, and becoming comfortable with their daily routines. It has been especially rewarding to see the enthusiasm, curiosity and positive energy they have brought to school each day.

Throughout the year, we will continue to provide meaningful learning experiences that encourage students to think, explore and take on new challenges. Just as importantly, we will support their social and emotional development while helping them build confidence, independence, self-advocacy and problem-solving skills. Our goal is to help each student recognize their strengths and continue making progress both academically and personally.

We were so pleased to welcome our families to Back-to-School Night on Thursday, October 1. It was a wonderful evening for parents to connect with teachers, visit classrooms and learn more about the routines, expectations and learning experiences planned for the year. Having our families in the building is always special, and these opportunities strengthen the collaboration between home and school that is so important to our students.

The fun continued with Family Movie Night on Friday, October 2! Families were invited to bring blankets, pillows or beach chairs and settle in for a relaxing evening together as we enjoyed *Hoppers*. Popcorn and water were provided. Family Movie Night is always a favorite event and a great opportunity for our school community to spend time together outside of the regular school day.

Later this month, on October 28, we will welcome Lisa Graff for a special author visit with our students. Our students have enjoyed reading the author's books for their summer reading and this visit will give them the opportunity to learn more about the creative process behind writing and storytelling. Experiences such as this help bring books to life and encourage our students to see reading and writing in new and exciting ways.

As we begin the year, we are grateful for the continued involvement, communication, and support of our Newmark families. Together with our dedicated staff, we look forward to providing our students with a year filled with opportunities to learn, grow, build confidence and celebrate their accomplishments.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2026–2027 school year at Newmark K-8!

Sincerely,

Gina M. Borea
Principal

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Principal

Dr. Regina M. Peter &
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Executive Directors

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Assistant Principal

Spotlight News

2026 Annual Fund



NEXTMARK
Foundation

This fall, we ask Newmark family and friends to consider making a donation to our 2026 Annual Fund to support the programs and services that are the hallmark of Newmark.

A hallmark of Newmark's success is grounded in the long tradition of parental financial support for the programs that we provide. We are tremendously proud of our long legacy of donor support that literally built our school. The Annual Fund supports the very things that make Newmark a rich educational environment. Parent financial support has gone a long way in giving students the opportunity to

go on educational field trips, providing high schoolers with work experience, delivering necessary staff training in reading and writing programs for our young students, modernizing our facility to include the latest technology and fielding an E-Sports Team.

As we all know, school funding is limited and Newmark will only be as exceptional as we as a community decide to support it.

If you value the innovative education and enriching experiences provided by Newmark for your child, please consider supporting the 2026 Newmark Annual Fund this year. Every tax-deductible gift counts. Our goal is 100% Parent Participation! Please consider making a gift today!

Your tax-deductible gift will make a great difference for all the students at Newmark! Our goal is 100% Parent Participation! Thank you for your support on behalf of all the students at Newmark!

Help support the 2026 Annual Fund.

- You can make a tax-deductible gift today by:
- Credit card on our school website: <https://www.newmarkeducation.com/ways-to-give/annual>
- Check payable to NextMark Foundation
- To make a gift of stock, please contact Mr. Mike Hewson at 908-753-0330

Annual Fund Drive ends Friday, November 13, 2026

Community Service

Dr. D'Amato



Magnuson participating in a drive

The Community Service Committee is excited to begin another year of giving back! Our goal is to help our students understand the value of being active members of their community by providing meaningful opportunities to serve local organizations and make a difference.

Throughout the year, our School Store Drives, Schoolwide Collections and Snack Sales will each support a different local organization. We kicked off the year with a successful “Donuts for Dogs” sale which took place on October 15-16, 2026 benefiting Hope 4 Paws Humane Society. Looking ahead, from November 4, 2026 through December 4, 2026 students will be encouraged to participate in the “Toys for Children” School Store Drive. Toy items can be purchased using school store points and will be donated to the St. Joseph’s Social Services Center.

Our families and students were incredibly generous last year, and we are so excited to continue working together to support and serve many wonderful local organizations!

Be sure to watch for more sales, service opportunities and other Community Service updates in the Friday Backpack News and on the Newmark website. We look forward to another year of making a difference - together!

Fall 2026 Announcements

Upcoming K-8 Student Socials

K-8 Kids Afternoon: For students in Ms. Fagan/ Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma/Ms. Frommeyer, Mr. Osia-dacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano’s classes. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:45-4:00 PM. Fee: \$25 per date. Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM. Individually wrapped snacks and water will provided to all participating students.

- Friday, December 4, 2026
- Friday, February 26, 2027
- Friday, May 21, 2027

K-8 Teen Afternoon: For students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O’Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang’s classes. Activities begin after dismissal from 2:45-4:30 PM (unless noted). Fee: \$25 per date. Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:30 PM. Individually wrapped snacks and water will provided to all participating students.

- Friday, November 20, 2026
- Friday, February 19, 2026 – Teen Afternoon at Yestercades (ends at 6:00 PM)

Upcoming K-8 After School Clubs & Programs:

- Session I: Ends November 4, 2026
- Session II: Begins week of November 16, 2026 through January 21, 2027
- Session III: Begins week of February 8 through March 25, 2027
- Session IV: Begins week of April 12 through May 27, 2027

Check your Friday Backpack News for permission forms and registration links. All dates subject to change.

First Day of School



Jack, Daniel and Jason



Best Buds on the First Day



First day, here we come!



Silly Faces!



We are ready for 8th Grade!



So excited to start the year!



Alex



It's going to be an awesome school year!

Healthy U Kickoff



Aiden, Lucas and Tamar



Enzo, Oliver and Sienna making balanced meals



Room 154 playing "Lord of the Rings"



We love Healthy U!

Transition News

Mrs. Murphy

Transition Planning - Small Steps Toward Independence

As we begin a new school year, the Transition Department encourages families to help students build independence, confidence and self-advocacy through everyday experiences. These skills begin developing in the younger grades and provide a foundation for future learning, work and community participation.

At home, give your child opportunities to take on responsibilities that match their abilities. Younger children can put away belongings, choose clothes or help set the table. Older students can prepare snacks, organize school materials, or follow a morning checklist. Encourage growth by offering choices, practicing how to ask for help, and al-

lowing time to solve problems. Gradually reduce reminders and celebrate progress.

For middle school students, transition planning becomes more focused on understanding their strengths, needs and future goals. Beginning at age 14, students will participate in their Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings. Sharing their strengths, challenges, interests and goals helps students understand their learning needs and supports, practice self-advocacy and take an active role in planning their future. Families can prepare them by asking, "What helps you learn?" and "What would you like your teachers to know?" Visit the Newmark website for upcoming family workshops and the Transition page for resources to support your child's growth and independence.

Counseling News

Ms. George, Mrs. Jernigan, Ms. Rentrop, Ms. Grossmith and Mr. Goldberg

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year! The Counseling Team looks forward to a productive Fall season! We are excited to share some Counseling Team offerings with you.

Community Connections PIN Program

The Community Connections PIN Program recognizes students who demonstrate personal and social growth by participating in meaningful community-based experiences. Community-based experiences can include the following categories: Community Service, Sports, Volunteering, Music/Performing Arts and Clubs (including Scouting).

Nominations can be submitted by a parent, teacher or member of the PIN Committee. Once the nomination has been approved, the student will receive a special pin commemorating their achievement with a ceremony in their honor. The PINS Program ceremonies occur four times per year. The deadlines for the PIN submission forms are below:

- Monday, November 4, 2026
- Friday, January 8, 2027
- Monday, March 1, 2027
- Friday, May 7, 2027

Upcoming Events

Teambuilding

K8 students will soon participate in the first of four Teambuilding days during the school year. The goals of these interactive activities are to help students discover their resiliency, solve problems and connect more deeply with their peers and themselves.

Virtual Parent Meetings

Keep an eye out for invitations to virtual meetings with the counseling team. These meetings will provide an opportunity to learn more about the activities and topics explored during student Wellness Groups.

Contact & Support

The Counseling team is available throughout the school year to provide support and guidance as

needed. Please feel free to reach out at any time, we are always here to help!

We look forward to a great year!

Healthy U Kickoff

Mr. C. O'Connor

On Wednesday, September 30, 2026 our K-8 students were introduced to the Healthy U curriculum with a Kickoff to Health Event! Students engaged in various fitness activities such as Go/Slow/Woah Foods Relay, Helping Hands Freeze Tag, Lord of the Rings Hula-Hoop Toss, and a Grocery Shopping Relay Race. Students also were educated about living a happy and healthy lifestyle, the importance of physical activity and completed an activity about a healthy diet using the "Go," "Slow" and "Woah" foods.



Mr. Harris talking about Go, Slow and Whoa foods



Adonis and Christopher



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children back to school and touch base on a few things!

Attendance:

If your child is going to be absent please remember to report this on our website at absence@newmark-education.com when they will not be in school.

Medication/Health Issues:

It is also important for me to know if your child is on any medication and if so what type and dosage. Please also keep me up-to-date with any medication changes throughout the year.

If your child also needs any medication, be it prescription or over the counter medication, while in school I do need a medication release form filled out by their physician and parent signature to dispense it in school. The medication release form is on the Newmark website under nurse as are other health forms. My email is ecarroll@newmarkeducation.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Sports Physicals:

If your child is interested in participating in one of our interscholastic sports programs in the middle school and high school they will need to have their physician complete the sports physical form. The student will need a sports physical to participate in a sporting event at Newmark. If your child has had a physical done on March 1, 2026 or after, their doctor just needs to fill out the form. You can find the sports physical forms on the Newmark website under nurse as well as the concussion, sudden cardiac death and opioid misuse forms that are needed in order to participate each school year.

Personal Hygiene and Your Child:

Monitoring your child's personal hygiene is important from a social as well as health point of view. Maintaining personal hygiene enhances an individual's physical and emotional wellness. While most children age 9 and older are able to attend to their own daily hygiene, supervision is still necessary in order to ensure that good habits develop. Here are some basic tips that you may want to discuss with your child to promote good hygiene.

- A balanced diet is the foundation for overall good health. A diet that includes all food groups and one high in fruits and vegetables is recommended. Eating a healthy diet has shown to improve a child's ability to learn in school.
- A bath or shower using mild soap is needed daily for middle school and high school age students. Hair should be washed at least twice a week or more frequently depending on your child's activity level. A deodorant/antiperspirant is usually needed daily.
- Teeth should be brushed at least twice a day to prevent decay and to maintain healthy gums. Flossing is recommended daily.
- Clothing should be changed on a daily basis. Clean cotton socks are the best for feet because they absorb moisture.
- Coughing and sneezing into a tissue and properly disposing is a good hygiene practice, or sneezing into your arm, then washing your hands after.
- Regular handwashing should be emphasized since this has been identified as the most important practice for preventing illness.

At Newmark School we encourage all children to develop good grooming practices. We believe that good hygiene promotes independence, self-confidence and self-esteem and builds a foundation for lifelong healthy habits.

Students of the Month



Nolan, Ms. Fagan / Mrs. Bain



Selvi, Ms. Halma / Ms. Frommeyer



Willa, Mr. Osiadacz / Ms. Mazzeo



Nate, Ms. Pantano



Roland, Mrs. Necci



Thomas, Mr. Kerby



Tamar, Mr. Cebula/ Ms. Kang

Congratulations!