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Newmark High School

Friday Backpack News

October 23, 2026

Dear Newmark High School Families,

School is closed today for a Teacher Professional Development Day, but you can still read about your student's activities in our quarterly newsletter. Please remember to check your emails regularly for upcoming events and activities.

A special thank you to all the parents who have generously contributed to the 2026 Newmark Annual Fund. If you have not yet done so, please consider supporting our school this year.

School News & Information

October 2026 Lunch: View the Menu
November 2026 Lunch: View the Menu

School Closed: Friday, October 23, 2026 for a Teacher Professional Development Day

FBLA Pretzel Sale: Wednesday, October 28, 2026. Students are encouraged to purchase pretzels as a snack during their lunch periods to support the FBLA Club the cost is $2 for 1 pretzel.

Halloween Costume Contest: Friday, October 30, 2026 - Costumes will be judged in categories according to the following: Funniest, Scariest, Team (must be 2 or more), Media Character (movies, TV, video games) and Best Overall. Students are encouraged to dress up - participation earns 1,000 points in the school store.

PINs Nomination Submission Deadline: Monday, November 2, 2026 - Newmark students have been encouraged to earn PINs not only for personally meaningful experiences but also for community service that benefits others. If you know a student who has contributed to their community, please nominate them for a PIN.

Photo Retake Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026. See instructions on photographer's website.

FBLA Wreath Sale: If you would like to purchase a wreath, please order one today. The sale ends on Wednesday, November 4, 2026

School Closed: Thursday and Friday, November 5-6, 2026 for NJEA Teacher's Convention

College and Career School Expo: Thursday, November 12, 2026 from 9:15-10:45 AM Students will have the opportunity to attend the expo during the school day. High school parents are encouraged to join their student as they explore the various colleges, trade schools, and post-secondary training programs represented. Register today.

Teen Night: Friday, November 13, 2026. These activities are created for students to socialize and be active together from 2:15-4:30 PM. Student pick-up is at 4:30 PM. Snacks and drinks are included with the participation fee. Register and pay $25

Report Cards Available: Friday, November 13, 2026 after 3 PM. Please be sure to login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal to review your child's grades. Report cards will not be mailed home.

Spotlight: After School Clubs

Newmark High School is excited to offer Session II of After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students. Activities are offered for 4 sessions, with each session running 6 to 9 weeks in length, noting days off due to holiday breaks.

Session II: Begins week of November 16, 2026 through January 21, 2027

Register for Clubs Today

ART PORTFOLIO CLUB | $175 per session | TUESDAYS - BY INVITE ONLY
Session II: 11/17/26, 11/24/26, 12/1/26, 12/8/26, 12/15/27, 1/5/27, 1/12/27, 1/19/27 27 (No Clubs Christmas Recess 12/22/26 & 12/29/26)
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.**

MUSIC DESIGN CLUB | $100 | TUESDAYS
Session II: 11/17/26, 11/24/26, 12/1/26, 12/8/26, 12/15/27, 1/5/27, 1/12/27, 1/19/27 27 (No Clubs Christmas Recess 12/22/26 & 12/29/26)
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 3:15 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

FUNDAMENTALS OF COOKING CLUB | $150 per session | TUESDAYS
Session II: 11/17/26, 11/24/26, 12/1/26, 12/8/26, 12/15/27, 1/5/27, 1/12/27, 1/19/27 27 (No Clubs Christmas Recess 12/22/26 & 12/29/26)
Open to all NHS students. Min: 4 participants; Max – 6 participants
Description: The purpose of The Fundamentals of Cooking club is to provide students the skills to promote confidence in the kitchen for independent daily living. Each session, students will have the opportunity to choose a recipe the group will make while working on essential skills of the kitchen such as cutting, how to be safe using the stove and the oven and manage a clean working environment. By the end of Session II, students will be able to confidently and competently execute the skills introduced and practiced throughout the term. **Fundamentals of Cooking will begin immediately after school and will end at 4:00 PM. Prompt pick-up is appreciated.**

CODING CLUB | $100 per session | WEDNESDAYS
Session II: 11/18/26, 11/25/26, 12/2/26, 12/9/26, 1/6/27, 1/13/27, 1/20/27 (No Clubs 11/25/26 Thanksgiving, 12/23/26 & 12/30/26 Christmas Recess)
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**.

COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING | Free | WEDNESDAY
Session II: 11/18/26, 11/25/26, 12/2/26, 12/9/26, 1/6/27, 1/13/27, 1/20/27 (No Clubs 11/25/26 Thanksgiving, 12/23/26 & 12/30/26 Christmas Recess)
Open to Seniors only. *Min: 8 participants*
The 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.

TABLE TOP ROLEPLAYING GAME | $100 per session | THURSDAYS
Session II: 11/19/27, 12/3/26, 12/17/26, 1/7/27, 1/14/27, 1/21/27 (No Clubs 11/26/26 Thanksgiving; 12/10/26 Staff Gathering; 12/24/26 & 12/31/26 Christmas Recess)
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.

MOCK TRIAL | $100 per session | THURSDAYS |ONSITE
Session II: 11/19/27, 12/3/26, 12/17/26, 1/7/27, 1/14/27, 1/21/27 (No Clubs 11/26/26 Thanksgiving; 12/10/26 Staff Gathering; 12/24/26 & 12/31/26 Christmas Recess)
Mock Trial is a competition in which students simulate a real trial. It teaches essential skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, and the art of forming a persuasive, cohesive argument. Mock Trial is part courtroom trial and part stage production. Students will audition to play certain roles, such as Lawyer or Witness, in a staged trial. They will be required to memorize scripts and learn courtroom procedures. Students will also develop the skills of notetaking, adlibbing, and overall flexibility. Following preparation, students will then have the opportunity to compete against other schools at the Union County Court House in Elizabeth. Mock Trials can either inspire students or display legal knowledge, so if you like acting and argument, this is the opportunity for you! Mock Trial will start after school and will **end at 4:00 PM.** Prompt pick-up is appreciated.

Club Registration Page

Newmark High School 2026-27 (SY)
Student Hours: 8:20 AM – 2:05 PM
Early Dismissal: 8:20 AM - 12:20 PM

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