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Newmark K-8 School

Friday Backpack News

October 23, 2026

Dear Newmark K-8 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 Trick or Treating: Celebrated on Friday, October 30, 2026 - trick or treating, snacks, candy, activities and more!

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

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 K-8 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

ARTS **CLUB | $100 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 students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma/Ms. Frommeyer, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants
Description: Open to all lower school students, Art Club focuses on building fine art skills through fun, hands-on projects. Students will explore drawing, painting, clay and other creative activities while reinforcing skills learned in art class. **The club runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

LEGO CHALLENGE | $100 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 students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma/Ms. Frommeyer, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants
Description: In this club, students will build on creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking skills and cooperation in order to use Legos to build solutions to various engineering design challenges. Lego Challenge is designed to reinforce STEM concepts, encourage innovative thinking and cooperation/collaboration. L**ego Challenge runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

GAMER'S GUILD 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 students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mr. O'Connor/Mrs. Klier and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang classes. Min: 6 participants
Description: Gamers' Guild is designed to introduce and build concepts of collaborative and imaginative play within a group setting as students are introduced to fantastical worlds within tabletop games such as

Dungeons & Dragons and Daggerheart. Students will work alongside each other to overcome challenges, create strategies and learn improvisation. **The Club runs Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

INTRAMURALS | $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 K-8 students. Min: 10 participants
Description: The Intramurals Club is designed to allow all students to participate in a variety of activities with their friends, while learning game fundamentals in a fun and lightly competitive environment. **Intramurals is offered on Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided**

MINECRAFT EDUCATIONAL CLUB | $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)
Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma/Ms. Frommeyer, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano classes. Min: 6 participants; max: 15 participants
Description: Microsoft Minecraft is an educational, game-based learning platform that promotes creativity, collaboration and problem-solving in an immersive digital environment. It enhances self-direction and other life skills. Virtually, Microsoft Minecraft complements reading, writing, math and even history learnings. Importantly, Minecraft also instills business principles, STEM knowledge and a global perspective. **Before registering, please understand participating students must own the Minecraft and have it downloaded. Minecraft PICK UP PM - 4:00 PM**

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB | $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)
Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mr. O'Connor/Mrs. Klier and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang classes. Min: 6 participants; max: 15 participants
Description: The Computer Science Club offers students the opportunity to delve into engaging topics like game design and web development, fostering creativity and critical thinking in a fun and supportive environment. Students will benefit from targeted instruction as they explore the exciting world of coding and technology. Participants can look forward to hands-on projects, collaborative learning experiences and the chance to unleash their potential in the field of computer science. **Computer Club runs Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking up their child promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

CHARACTER DESIGN CLUB | $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)
Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mr. O'Connor/Mrs. Klier and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang classes. Min: 6 participants; max: 12 participants
Description: The Character Design Club welcomes students who enjoy creating and drawing characters. The Club will focus on the fundamentals of character design including anatomy, expressions and storytelling. Each Thursday, participants will have instructional time to work on drawing techniques, followed by opportunities to develop ideas and collaborate with fellow peers. Join us to develop your artistic skills, unleash your creativity and bring your characters to life! **Character Design runs Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking up their child promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Club Registration Page

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