



District E-News

February 23, 2026

Newark CCSD 66

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815-695-5143 NGS; 630-553-5435 MJH

Dear Families and Staff,

Congratulations to our 7th grade girls' basketball team for their 1st place finish at the Jr. 10 conference Tourney! The ladies took 1st with a 24 - 22 win over Lisbon! Great job Lady Vikings!

The annual 5Essentials survey is open from February 3 through March 13th. We need 20% parent participation to receive any feedback. Thank you in advance for continuing to help us improve our district.

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>

The Board of Education approved a sports fee increase of \$10 per sport/activity for the 2026 - 2027 school year. We are moving to an IESA schedule with girls basketball being a fall sport and girls volleyball becomes a spring sport.

Preschool fees will also increase by \$25 starting with the 2027 - 2028 school year.

Highlights this week: Busy Week!

2/23 Monday - 8th Grade Night - GBB @ MJH - Blue/white day!

2/24 Tuesday - FFA porkburger luncheon @ NCHS; 7th grade science fair at MJH 4:30 pm

2/25 Wednesday - Preschool conferences; 7th/8th GBB home 4/30 (8th grade game first); 8th grade freshman registration at NCHS 6:30 pm

2/26 Thursday - FFA petting zoo @ NCHS; No PM preschool classes - conferences; Time to Dine @ Rosati's Sandwich (flyer below); Track Parent Meeting 4:30 @ MJH

2/27 Friday - NoAM preschool classes; FFA visits 2nd grade for ice cream; FFA visits 8th grade at MJH; 5th/6th GBB Tourney begins at MJH

2/28 Saturday - 5th/6th GBB Tourney at MJH

****Congratulations** to our Viking Victory Winners the past week: NGS - Luke Anderson, Josephine Hopkins, Adelyn Marvin, and Sam Linke!

****Congratulations** to Ms. Hettinger (nominated by Crisitian Haldorson-Diaz) MJH Spotlight Student/Staff of the Week!

Student needs everyday:

Water bottle, healthy snack, headphones. **WE still need those 5 things! Mornings are cold for outdoor recess and it is muddy!**

We are partnering with the Kendall County Sheriff's department and Special Olympics this week for Penny Wars! Ms. Hettinger, Ms. Gabby, Mrs. Winner and Ms. Mize will be Polar Plunging for Special Olympics with the Sheriff's Department! Bring in your change to support the cause! Collection jars will be out through Friday, Feb. 27.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Partners in Education ~ Mrs. Turman & Ms. Chase

Dates to Remember:

5 essentials survey open:

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>

February 23 - 8th Grade Night - GBB

February 24 - 7th grade Science Fair - MJH

February 25 - Freshmen registration at NCHS for 8th graders at 6:30

February 26 - No PM Pre-K classes- conferences; Time to dine - Rosati's (flyer below)

February 27 - No Pre-K classes

March- Women's' History Month

March 4 - PTO meeting 6:00 pm

March 10 - Student/Parent Handbook Committee Meeting

March 13 - PTO School Store @ NGS; End of Quarter 3

March 14 - Daddy - Daughter Dance at MJH

March 16 - Board of Education Meeting at NGS 6:30

March 17 - Mobile Food Pantry at NGS 4 - 5:30 pm

March 18 - Q3 Report Cards go home

March 20 - SIP day 1:15/1:30 dismissal

March 23 - March 27 - Spring Break

April 1 - PTO meeting 6:00

April 2 - Q3 Perfect Attendance Sundaes

April 3 - No School - Good Friday

April 6 - No School - Easter Monday

April 9 - Kindergarten Round up 4:30 - 5:30 (flyer below)

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Millbrook Jr. High Updates

Week of February 23-February 27

Monday, February 23

Morning Report: Clara

Wear Blue & White/Vikings Gear for 8th grade night!

Kendall County Sheriff Department to talk to students about Special Olympics during lunch

Sports & Activities:

5/6th 7/8th GBB HOME vs Earlville, 4:30 PM 8th Grade Night

Tuesday, February 24

Morning Report: Bea

7th grade Science Fair 4:30-5:30 pm

Sports & Activities:

5th & 6th only GBB practice, 3:00-4:15 PM

Scholastic Bowl Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM

Wednesday, February 25

Morning Report: Mary

8:45 am Admin Meeting

Sports & Activities:

7/8th GBB HOME vs HBR, 4:30 PM (8th plays first to get to orientation)

Freshmen Orientation at Newark High School 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 26

Morning Report: Ellana

SEL B day (Mrs. Dunlap SEL-Curtis)

CCR-Horse Trainer

7th/8th Science Club during lunch

Math Coach here

Sports & Activities:

5th-8th GBB practice, 3:00-4:30 PM

Track Parent coach meeting 4:30 pm

Friday, February 27

Morning Report: Eisley

7th Grade Science Fair Celebration (during Science)

NHS FFA to talk to 8th graders during WIN

Sports & Activities:

5/6th GBB Early Bird Tournament

Saturday, February 28

5/6th GBB Early Bird Tournament

Girls Basketball Sports Boosters Volunteer Sign UP

**** CMC stitch is selling sports boosters spirit wear! Shop at cmcstitch.com and make sure to click the "pickup/delivery" option and order will be delivered to MJH. ****

1-2-3-4.. WE DECLARE A PENNY WAR!



FEBRUARY 17th - 24th

MS. HETTINGER, MS. BARRACCA, MS. MIZE &
MRS. WINNER

WILL HAVE THEIR OWN COIN JUG FOR
COLLECTING MONEY!

ADD POINTS BY ADDING PENNIES AND BILLS
SUBTRACT POINTS BY ADDING SILVER COINS

THE TEACHER WITH THE MOST POINTS WILL WIN
A TROPHY TO PUT ON DISPLAY UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

POINT SYSTEM

ADDING POINTS



PENNY = +1 POINT



\$1 BILL = +100 POINTS



\$5 BILL = +500 POINTS



\$10 BILL = +1000 POINTS

SUBTRACTING POINTS



NICKEL = -5 POINTS



DIME = -10 POINTS



QUARTER = -25 POINTS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS!

5/6TH

GIRLS BASKETBALL

— TOURNAMENT —

COME AND JOIN US

FRIDAY FEB 27- @ MJH
SATURDAY FEB 28

MORE INFO :

ADMISSIONS: 1 DAY PASS- ADULT \$5,
STUDENT \$3, FAMILY \$13. 2 DAY PASS-
ADULT \$8, STUDENT \$5, FAMILY \$20.

FULL CONCESSIONS STAND INCLUDING
FRIDAY DINNER, SATURDAY BREAKFAST AND
LUNCH OPTIONS.

HAIR STAND BY NIKI- GET A FRENCH/DUTCH
BRAID, ADD YOUR SCHOOL COLOR.

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Cash or Venmo @ MJH-Sports-Boosters

UPDATES



MJH SPORTS BOOSTERS

8th Grade Night for Girls Basketball-
Monday Feb 23 @ 4:30p @ MJH

Track Parent Meeting- Thursday Feb 26 @
4:30p @ MJH

5/6th Girls Basketball Tourney
Friday and Saturday
Feb 27-28th @ MJH

mjhsportsboosters@gmail.com



Illinois Health Requirements

Preschool

- Birth Certificate
- Physical Examination/immunizations (DTP, Polio, Hepatitis B, HIB, Pneumococcal), Varicella "Chicken pox", MMR)
- * Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable*

Kindergarten and/or first entry to Illinois Schools

- Birth Certificate
- Physical Examination/immunizations (DTP, hepatitis B, Polio, MMR, Varicella "chicken pox")
- *Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable*
- Dental exam on school dental exam form
- Vision exam by optometrist or ophthalmologist

Second Grade

- Dental exam on school dental exam form

Sixth Grade

- Physical examination/immunizations (Hepatitis B, Tdap booster, meningococcal)
- *Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable*

Newark CCSD 66

Dear Newark Families,

Beginning February 3, 2026, students and teachers across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the eleventh annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent/guardian, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the essential elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by [UChicago Impact](#) at the [University of Chicago](#). The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than four hundred schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

All teachers and **fourth through 12th grade students** will be responding to this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in May and will also be included in the State School Report Card.

Additionally, your district has chosen to provide the optional supplement parent survey. If at least 20 percent of Newark Grade School and Millbrook Jr. High parents/guardians complete this survey, a parent report will also be generated. The parent data will not be included in the State Report Card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey helps us understand the conditions at our schools and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey for students, teachers and parents will be conducted February 3 – March 13. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' Reports, please visit <https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UChicago Impact Survey Support at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.

Partners in Education,
Demetra Turman
Mindi Chase

February PTO Events

- 2/3 Valentine's Day Carnation Flower Grams preorder and pay during lunch. Flowers will be distributed on 2/13.
- 2/4 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at NGS
- 2/16 Flame Kabob Time to Dine in Yorkville All Day
- 2/20 School Store at NGS during lunch (S1-S3 is plenty)
- 2/26 Rosati's Time to Dine in Sandwich All Day



Upcoming Events in March

- 3/4 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at MJH
- 3/13 School Store at NGS during lunch

The Daddy Daughter Dance is on Saturday March 14th from 6-8pm at MJH. Forms have been sent home and are due back by 2/20.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$35 and each additional daughter will be \$7.

PTO is asking for donations to be used in raffle baskets for the dance. Please contact Ashley D'Arcy at ashleydrc@gmail.com



**Don't want to cook,
we got you covered!**

the current funds being raised will be
going to:

NGS-playground repairs

MJH-Playground repairs



**710 E Railroad St,
Sandwich, IL 60548
(815) 786-1500**

Time To Dine- Let's go out to eat fundraiser

Newark Grade School and Millbrook Junior High would
like to give a BIG **THANK YOU** to **ROSATI'S** in **SANDWICH**
and **YOU!**

They will be hosting a fundraiser for us and a percentage of all the
sales for the date below will be donated as a benefit back to our
school. **bring this flyer in or show it on your phone.**

February 26th

ALL DAY



**NEWARK /
MILLBROOK**
Parent Teacher Organization

February 26, 2026

**Millbrook/Newark PTO
“ROSATI’S OF SANDWICH PIZZA**

**FUNDRAISER”
11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
(815) 786-1500**

Dear Mom and Dad,

**YOU DON’T HAVE TO COOK TONIGHT!! Treat your family to pizza, pasta, or one
of our other great dinners from Rosati’s of Sandwich!!!**

**Order anything from our menu and your school will receive a 20% of the Sale (before
sales tax) to help Millbrook/Newark PTO.
Order for Pickup or let us Deliver to you!!!**

Rosati’s Pizza will donate 20% from all menu items

Friends & Family Bonus:

**Rosati’s will donate 20% for coupons from family & Friends too!
(Make copies and give them to your family & friends!)**

Faculty Bonus:

**If we have 50 or more total participants for this fundraiser, Rosati’s will provide
the faculty of Millbrook/Newark schools with a pasta lunch.**

WE ALL BELONG

Need groceries? The Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile distribution can help. Food is free to all neighbors; no ID, proof of address or income is required. Just need to provide zip code and how many in your household. Food is distributed on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

Where:
Newark Grade School
503 Chicago Road Newark, IL 60541

When:
4:00pm-5:30pm – 3rd Tuesday of each month

January 20, 2026	February 17, 2026	March 17, 2026
April 21, 2026	May 19, 2026	June 16, 2026

Come Join Us!



Our SNAP team is available and ready to help!
Call or text "Food" or "Comida" to 844-600-7627

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**NEIGHBORS.
EMPOWERED.**

Charles B. Phillips Library February Calendar Events

MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
2 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime <i>Groundhog Day</i> 1:00 PM Walk & Chat Book Club Meet at the	3 11:00 AM Homeschool Meetup <i>Board Game Bash</i> 4:00 PM Crochet Club Ages 10+	4 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	5 10:15 AM Advanced Chair Yoga	6 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	7 10:00 AM Lego/Duplo Club <i>Wizard</i> 11:30 AM Kid's Movie <i>The Peanuts Movie</i>
9 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime with a Firefighter 1:00 PM Adult Matinee <i>The Senior</i>	10 10:30 AM Play-Doh Playdate	11 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	12 10:15 AM Advanced Chair Yoga	13 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	14
16 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime <i>Snow</i> 11:30 PM Kid's Movie <i>Sneaks</i>	17 4:00 PM Crochet Club Ages 10+	18 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	19 10:15 AM Advanced Chair Yoga	20 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	21 10:00 AM Adult Book Chat <i>The Mountain Between Us</i> By Charles Martin
23 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	24	25 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	26 10:15 AM Advanced Chair Yoga	27 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	28

6 N. Jackson St.
Newark, IL 60541
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NGS SCHOOL STORE



**KIDS CAN PURCHASE ITEMS DURING
THEIR LUNCH TIME
PRICES RANGE FROM \$.25 - \$2.00**

Items include:

Scented erasers, pencils toppers, bookmarks, key chains, squishy toys and much more!

● ● ● School Store Dates ● ● ●

September 19th

October 17th

November 14th

December (holiday Store)

January 23rd

February 20th

March 13th

April 24th



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Newark CCSD 66 | 2025-2026 CALENDAR

AUGUST '25						
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12 Teacher Institute
13 Teacher Institute
14 1st day student attend

FEBRUARY '26						
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13 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
16 Presidents' Day

SEPTEMBER '25						
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01 Labor Day
04 SIP Day 11:15/11:30

MARCH '26						
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20 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
23 – 27 Spring Break

OCTOBER '25						
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10 Teacher Institute
13 Columbus Day
No School
22 PT Conferences 4 – 7
23 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
PT Conferences 2 – 7
24 No School

APRIL '26						
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03 Good Friday -off
05 Easter Sunday
06 No School
24 SIP 11:15/11:30

NOVEMBER '25						
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11 Veterans Day
14 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
26 - 28 Thanksgiving

MAY '26						
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22 Last Day 1:15/1:30
25 Memorial's Day

DECEMBER '25						
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18 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
19 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
22 - 31 Winter Break

JUNE '26						
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19 Juneteenth

JANUARY '26						
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01 New Year's Day
05 Teacher Institute
16 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
19 M.L. King Day
No School

JULY '26						
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04 Independence Day

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