Welcome to the New Academic Year!
2012-2013 General Information
Newark Academy’s website is the doorway that will lead you to a wide range of information.

From the homepage, begin by exploring the top level navigation tabs.

Visit these pages often!

**Current Parents Overview Page**
Get helpful tips for using the website and downloads of important information.

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View collections of photos, video and audio clips in the media gallery.

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Newark Academy Administration

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Emergency Notification Procedure
Information about school closings and emergencies will be communicated to NA families via:

- automated phone calls
- a bulletin on the home page of the website
- a message on the school’s main phone number

Log on to the Newark Academy website for current news and calendar information, www.newarka.edu
Back to School Checklist

Before school opens you should plan to:

- **Review the Student/Parent Handbook on the website**
  Families should review the 2012-13 Student/Parent Handbook on the NA website as it contains policies and procedures which are expected to be followed. Once you log-in, you will find the handbook in the “Useful Information” section.

- **Purchase textbooks**
  There are new procedures for purchasing textbooks. This year, textbooks are only available online through the new virtual bookstore, MBS Direct, at http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/-newarka.htm, or through your preferred provider. The textbook list is available on the NA website in the School Store and may also be downloaded from “Student & Parent Useful Forms” in the “NA Today” section of the website. If you have questions about purchasing textbooks, please contact Eileen Gilbert, School Store Manager, egilbert@newarka.edu or call (973) 992-7000, ext. 428.

- **Register for parking**
  Licensed student drivers may register for a parking space (seniors need to re-register). This registration must be completed in person with Ms. Gilbert in the School Store, Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

- **Arrange for student transportation: Vogel Bus Service**
  Student transportation is provided by Vogel Bus Service. To make arrangements, contact them directly at (908) 298-0045. Residents of some communities may be eligible for a State of New Jersey transportation reimbursement. Contact Eileen Gilbert (ext. 428) for additional information.

- **Complete and submit the student athlete medical history/permission slip**
  Students participating in interscholastic sports are required to complete, sign and submit the student athlete permission slip to their coaches prior to the first practice each season. No student will be permitted to practice without a signed form on file. The form is distributed by the coaches or may be downloaded from the “Useful Information” section of the website.

- **Plan to attend orientation: August 29 (for all new students and all students entering 9th grade)**
  All new students and returning students in 9th grade are invited to an orientation on August 29 from 8:00-11:30 am. A welcome reception for those students’ parents will be held in the Dining Hall from 8:30-9:30 am.

- **Remind your child(ren) to complete summer reading**
  The summer reading list is available online: “NA Today / School Portal” – go to the “Student & Parent Useful Forms” section to download the list.
First Day of School

Tuesday, September 4

The first day of school will be a “Day 1” on the school’s cyclical calendar and an extended morning meeting schedule will be followed. (Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook online for more information about the school’s cyclical days and special schedules.)

- Arrange to be at school before 8:10 am
- Dress according to Newark Academy’s dress code
- Bring supplies: notebooks, books, pencil/pen
- Bring a lock and change of clothes for gym class
  During the first physical education period, every student will receive a locker in an athletic locker room. Locks for these lockers are purchased from the bookstore so that all are keyed to the same master should the student forget his or her combination.

- Middle School Students
  Students in grades 6-8 will meet with their advisors in the auditorium at 8:10 am for Morning Meeting, followed by a Middle School meeting in the auditorium at 8:45 am.

- Upper School Students
  Students in grades 9-12 should consult the seating charts posted in the front hall to find their assigned seats. Morning Meeting will begin at 8:10 am.

- NAPA Meeting: Dining Room, 8:15 am
  All parents are invited to attend a general meeting of the Newark Academy Parents Association. Head of School Donald Austin will welcome families to the new academic year.

The Annual Gift Wrap Sale Begins in September

Innisbrook Wraps and NA students team up for an important fundraiser. If gift wrap abounds in your home, consider purchasing a magazine gift card as a present. Proceeds from the sale benefit each of the classes and are used for grade activities and field trips, culminating in the 8th grade dance, the junior prom and the senior prom. Expect a packet to come home with your child the first week back with specific instructions. Please support this grade effort!

For the latest information, log on to www.newarka.edu
Wednesday-Thursday, September 5-6: Middle School Sports Clinics
Introduction to each sport offered to Middle School students.
First day of Middle School sports: Friday, September 7.

Friday, September 7: Middle School Activities
3:30-4:45 pm: Roller Skating in Florham Park (for 7th grade students)
3:30-5:00 pm: Pool Party at Newark Academy (for 6th grade students)

Friday, September 7: Welcome Back Barbecue for Students and Faculty
Following after-school athletic competitions, all students are invited to the School Council’s “Welcome Back Barbecue” from 5:00-7:00 pm behind the Arts Center. The barbecue will feature various contests such as tug-o-war, a whipped cream pie eating contest, and pick-up games of volleyball, football, softball and Frisbee. There will be music and informal dancing. Hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and ice cream will be available for sale from members of the School Council. Casual attire, change of clothes recommended.

Monday, September 10: Convocation
Convocation is the formal opening ceremony of the academic year. The event will be held in the Rose Auditorium and students will be required to dress formally. Boys should wear formal shirts and ties but jackets are not necessary. Dresses or skirts are appropriate for girls. We will remind students of the dress code the previous week and ask that you remind them that morning.

Monday, September 10: Senior/Faculty Dinner
Senior students and members of the faculty are invited to a dinner in the school dining room at 6:00 pm. This event is a tradition, marking the beginning of the school year. Regular NA dress code attire.

Wednesday, September 12: Middle School Parent Coffee
An informal gathering for Middle School parents, with Middle School Principal Tom Ashburn, will be held in the Black Box Theater, beginning with coffee in the McGraw Gallery, 8:10-9:30 am.

Friday, September 14: Field Trip Day
The annual field trip day is a much-anticipated event that helps students to bond early in the school year.

- Grade 6: Sandy Hook
- Grade 7: Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty
- Grade 8: Overnight at Fairview Lake YMCA Camp
- Grade 9: Norvin State Park/Highlands Natural Pool
- Grade 10: Rafting Trip on the Delaware River
- Grade 11: New York City Destinations

Friday, September 14: College Visitation
College visits weekend begins for seniors.
Highlights of the Opening Weeks of School (cont’d)

- **Thursday, September 20: “Back to School Night” for Middle School Parents (Grades 6-8)**
  Middle School parents are invited to attend this informative event. Parents will have an opportunity to meet each of their child’s teachers and gain a better understanding of the Middle School program. The evening will run from 6:30-8:30 pm.

- **Saturday, September 22: Parents Day for Upper School Parents (Grades 9-12)**
  This special program gives parents the opportunity to meet each other and to meet each of their child’s teachers. The morning begins at 8:15 am with refreshments and a Morning Meeting. Parents then go through an abbreviated simulation of their child’s schedule, meeting his or her teachers and gaining a parent’s perspective on each course. Student/Parent Handbooks and the Newark Academy Directory will be distributed.

- **Thursday, September 27: 9th Grade Parent Coffee**
  An informal gathering for parents of 9th grade students will be hosted by Upper School Principal Richard DiBianca and will be held in the Eberstadt Room from 8:30-10 am.

- **October 9-13: Spirit Week**
  Students and faculty celebrate Spirit Week with contests, crazy dress days, spirited skits, area decorating, a pep rally, and Homecoming Dances (Middle School Dance, Friday, October 12; Upper School Dance, Saturday, October 13). Check the school calendar on the NA website for details.

- **Saturday, October 13: Homecoming**
  Come spend a fun fall day at NA! You can cheer on the teams, meet other parents and enjoy being part of the Newark Academy family.

  > Minuteman Athletic Games
  A variety of athletic competitions will be held from 10 am-5 pm. Check the calendar on the website for more details.

- **Tuesday, October 23: Common Ground II Lecture Series**
  Guest speaker, Michael G. Thompson, Ph.D., will address “The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Find Success in School and in Life” at a special event hosted by the Newark Academy Parents Association in conjunction with other area independent schools. Dr. Thompson is a *New York Times* bestselling author, clinical psychologist, school consultant and international speaker on subjects of children, schools and parenting. The program will be held from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Rose Auditorium. Admission is free and friends are welcome.

Join us for all the games and activities at Homecoming 2012!
Visit our website, [www.newarka.edu](http://www.newarka.edu), for details and schedules.
Newark Academy Annual Fund
2012-2013

Gifts to the Annual Fund provide an important source of revenue which enhances NA’s academic and extra-curricular offerings beyond those provided by tuition alone. A majority of NA families support the Annual Fund at some level. All parents are asked to consider giving a minimum gift of $500 (payable in installments or one lump sum) and, when possible, to become members of the Ad Lumen Society.

The Ad Lumen Society giving levels are as follows:

- Leader – $25,000+
- Founder – $10,000
- Fellow – $5,000
- Partner – $2,500
- Patron – $1,000

Of course, each family must decide for itself what level of giving is appropriate. EVERY Annual Fund gift has an impact and every gift is deeply appreciated. Each year, a majority of NA families support the Annual Fund, which raises more than $1 million for NA students and their teachers. For more information or to learn about Annual Fund volunteer positions, please contact Kristin Walpole, Director of Development and Parent Relations, at (973) 992-7000, ext. 321.

- **Friday, October 26: 12th Grade Parent Coffee**
  An informal gathering for parents of 9th grade students, hosted by Amy Shapiro, Director of College Counseling and Carol Spooner, Director of Counseling, will be held in the Eberstadt Room from 8:30-9:30 am

- **Thursday, November 1: 10th and 11th Grade Parent Coffee**
  An informal gathering for parents of 10th and 11th grade students will be hosted by Upper School Principal Richard DiBianca and will be held in the Eberstadt Room from 8:30-10:00 am
All Newark Academy parents and guardians are members of the Newark Academy Parents Association. NAPA offers an opportunity for parents to create enduring bonds that reflect NA's global culture and generous spirit. It benefits both parents and students in some of the following ways:

- Providing valuable information about the daily life of Newark Academy through parent coffees and networking events.
- Hosting the International Dinner, a free potluck family event attended each year by more than 300 parents, students, and siblings.
- Enriching parents’ knowledge of parenting pre-teens and teens through regular speakers and programs.
- Offering activities such as a faculty-led book group, a gardening committee, and a dining club.
- Reaching out to disadvantaged students in New Jersey through community service projects.
- Supporting arts and athletic events, admissions Open Houses, international exchange programs, and Project Graduation (an alcohol-free all night party for graduating seniors).
- Finally, fundraising by NAPA provides important financial support for all aspects of life at the Academy, from capital improvements and support for curricular, artistic and athletic endeavors to faculty development and scholarship aid.

NAPA meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month in the Eberstadt Room, except for the first meeting which will take place on Opening Day directly after drop-off. Parents have many opportunities to become involved with NAPA at the level of commitment that feels most comfortable to them. Meeting notices and volunteer opportunities are sent via electronic newsletter, NAPA News & Notes.

You’re Invited!

NAPA’s First Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 8:15-10:30 am
All parents are invited to attend the first NAPA meeting, to be held on the first day of school in the Dining Room. Head of School Donald Austin, Upper School Principal Rich DiBianca and Middle School Principal Tom Ashburn will welcome you to the new academic year. Representatives from all of NAPA’s committees will also report on plans for the upcoming year and opportunities for involvement.

Please feel free to contact NAPA President Kristen Kolek with any questions or concerns you might have: kkolek6@mac.com.
Arts Department Announcements

- Students who wish to arrange private instruction in voice or instrumental music should contact Mr. Tolentino, Mr. Lal or Mrs. Emelianoff at the beginning of the school year. Private lessons are given at Newark Academy after 3:30 pm. Joining Mr. Lal, Mrs. Emelianoff and Mr. Tolentino, instructors from around the area come to the school to provide excellent private instruction.

- Auditions for the Upper School Fall Drama production will be held the first week of school from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. This year’s selection is “Fortinbras,” by Lee Blessing, a comic view of Hamlet. All students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to audition. Mr. Jacoby will direct. Although scripts will be available at the audition, students may wish to purchase and read the play in advance.

- Students who wish to join the student stage crew should contact Mr. Huber or Mr. Jacoby at the beginning of the school year. Students are given instruction in stage lighting, sound design and set construction.

- Students who wish to participate in the fall dance concert should contact Ms. Luxenberg at the beginning of the school year.

Fall 2012 Arts Department Events

The Arts Department is pleased to announce that visiting artists will showcase their works in The McGraw Gallery during the months of September, October and November. Please visit the website for confirmed exhibit dates and artists’ receptions. These exhibits and events will also be announced on Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to follow us!

- **Music Faculty Benefit Concert**
  Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 pm

- **Fall Drama: “Fortinbras”**
  Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 1-3, 7:30 pm

- **Fall Dance Concert**
  Thursday, November 15, 7:30 pm

- **IB Student Art Exhibit**
  December 6 – January 7
  Reception: Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm

- **Winter Choral Concert, Grades 9-12**
  Thursday, December 6, 7:30 pm

- **Winter Instrumental and Choral Concert, Grades 7-8**
  Thursday, December 13, 7:00 pm

- **Winter Instrumental Concert, Grades 9-12**
  Saturday, December 15, 7:30 pm

- **Grade 6 “Works-in-Progress” Instrumental and Choral Concert**
  Thursday, December 20, 11:00 am

Please visit the website often for arts news, calendar events and media collections, www.newarka.edu
Newark Academy is justifiably proud of its athletic program. Our coaches are outstanding educators who have guided their teams to league, conference and state championships and our student athletes have secured innumerable personal honors and many have earned the opportunity to continue to play in college.

Newark Academy Teams / Coaches

- **Baseball**
  Frank Dasti
  frankdasti33@hotmail.com

- **Boys Basketball**
  James Wallace
  Wallacejd12@yahoo.com

- **Girls Basketball**
  Liz Bona-Beach
  lbona@newarka.edu

- **Cross Country**
  Jon Olesky
  olesky@gmail.com

- **Fencing (boys/girls)**
  Ivanka Lucchetti
  LucFencing@yahoo.com

- **Field Hockey**
  Kaley Rode
  krode@newarka.edu

- **Football**
  William Blomn
  minutemenfootball@gmail.com

- **Golf (boys/girls)**
  Robin Curtis
  rscpga@aol.com

- **Boys Lacrosse**
  Ted Gilbreath
  tgilbreath@newarka.edu

- **Girls Lacrosse**
  Meghan Tavormina
  Meghanhar@gmail.com

- **Softball**
  Sergio Rodriguez
  Serg021@aol.com

- **Boys Soccer**
  James Morris
  James@jerseyunited.com

- **Girls Soccer**
  Jay Torson
  jtorson@newarka.edu

- **Swimming (boys/girls)**
  William Blomn
  wblomn@newarka.edu

- **Tennis (boys/girls)**
  William “Arky” Crook
  arkycrk@aol.com

- **Track & Field (boys/girls)**
  Jon Olesky
  olesky@gmail.com

- **Girls Volleyball**
  Carol Spooner
  cspooner@newarka.edu

- **Wrestling**
  Jay Gerish
  jay@kathyjeanne.com

Please visit the athletics section of the Newark Academy website for current highlights, team pages and directions, [www.newarka.edu](http://www.newarka.edu)
Explore the NA Website

➤ About us: Here you will find the mission, profile, campus tour, trustees and administration, and the faculty/staff directory.

➤ Current NA news updates: Click on “NA News” in “About Us.”

➤ Photos & Video: Peruse a comprehensive collection of frequently updated photos, videos and instrumental recordings.

➤ Support NA: Learn the difference between the annual fund and the endowment, discover current fundraising goals and participation levels, and find out how to make a gift online.

➤ Academics: Watch the International Baccalaureate program video, learn about the Immersion Experiences Requirement and off-campus learning opportunities. Visit the Middle School page for news, photos, events and activities updates. In “Global Programs,” learn about our Global Speaker Series and upcoming speakers. View the online curriculum guide.

➤ College Counseling: View college destinations for the previous year’s class.

➤ Arts: Visit often for news and calendar of events, photo galleries, student portfolios and performances.

➤ Athletics: Go there for news and highlights, team pages, and directions.

➤ Student Life: Check out clubs and activities, student publications, and community service initiatives.

➤ The “Current Parents” link at the top of the homepage will take you to important information for parents. From there, you may also log in to the private area of the site.

Questions?
Contact Deb Marr, Director of Communications, ext. 351, dmarr@newarka.edu

Parents can access the password-protected area of the website for specific, up-to-date information about school schedules, activities and events.

Click on “NA Today” from any page of the website and choose “School Portal” from the drop-down menu. Sign in with your user name and password.

Your personalized portal page includes links to schedules, menus, NA’s online publications, and helpful forms such as health and physical forms and student/athlete permission slips.

The menu on the left side of the page includes additional links to information about your child’s schoolwork and activities, including:

➤ Class rosters
➤ Homework assignments
➤ Athletics and other activities
➤ Customizable e-mail notifications

Questions? Contact Andrew Alford, Web Manager, ext. 237, aalford@newarka.edu
Stay in the Loop!

Each month, a parent e-newsletter is sent from Newark Academy administration. To ensure that you receive this online newsletter, please check to see that the information in your profile on the Newark Academy website is accurate. Here’s how:

- Go to NA Today / School Portal
- Sign-in, using your user name and password
- Click on the “My Profile” tab in the left column of the page
- Go to “Internet Information” and click “Edit”
- Update your e-mail address, then click “Save and Exit”

If you have any questions or need help, please contact Andrew Alford, Web Manager, aalford@newarka.edu.

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