

2020-2021 Blacksburg New School Calendar

[Note: This calendar was approved prior to the onset of COVID-19; Many events are now cancelled or modified.]

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| Aug. | 6 | Start of Teacher Workdays: August 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 (Th,F,M,T,W) |
| Aug. | 9 | Parent Workday (to get the school ready), a Sunday this year, starting at 10:00 am [cancelled; task list still available] |
| Aug. | 10 | Back-to-School Potluck at Nellie's Cave Park; 6:00 pm (Monday) [cancelled] |
| Aug. | 13 | First Day of School (a Thursday) (VT and RU classes start on Mon. the 24 th this year; MCPS also begin Thurs. Aug. 13—MCPS changed to Sept 8) |
| Sept. | 7 | Labor Day, BNS is CLOSED (MCPS are closed; VT no classes; RU yes classes) |
| Sept. | 18 | School Photos are tentatively scheduled for this day (weather dependent). [Cancelled] |
| Oct. | 16 | BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time for Parent-Teacher Conferences prep/reimbursement; a Friday (also VT's fall break)—22 |
| Oct. | 19 | No Classes, Teacher Workday for Parent-Teacher Fall academic note preparation/reimbursement; a Monday |
| Oct. | 29 | Corporation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., a Thursday [via Zoom] [NEW DATE] |
| Nov. | 6 | BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time compensation (first Friday in November) |
| Nov. | 19 | Our Thanksgiving Celebration; 6:30 p.m., Thursday evening at Bburg Middle School [cancelled] |
| Nov. | 20 | No After School Program; BNS is Open until 3:45; a Friday N/A |
| Nov. | 23-27 | Thanksgiving Break (the full week) |
| Dec. | 3 | Elementary Upper Grades (3 rd /4 th /5 th) History Night; Thursday at 6:30 p.m. [Alternate plan or cancellations TBA by teacher] |
| Dec. | 15 | Middle School Science Fair; Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. [moved to virtual and in January] |
| Dec. | 18 | No After School Program; BNS is Open until 3:45; a Friday N/A |
| Dec. | 14-19 | BNS = Online Only to provide break buffer |
| Dec.19-Jan.3 | | BNS is Closed for Winter Break; Friday (MCPS break begins with early release Dec. 23 rd ; VT last exam=17 th ; RU's=10 th) Winter Break = two full weeks |
| Jan. | 4-8 | BNS = Online Only to provide break buffer |
| Jan. | 11 | School resumes (a Monday) (MCPS students resume on 6 th ; VT and RU classes resume on Tues. Jan. 21??) |
| Jan. | 18 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a Monday, BNS is CLOSED (VT and RU no classes. MCPS are closed.) |
| Jan. | 21-23 | Middle School Virtual Science Fair Sharing: 6 th = Jan 21; 7 th = Jan. 22; 8 th = Jan 23 or TBD |
| Feb. | 6 | Annual "Chocolate Party" fundraiser; Saturday at University Mall 10am-4pm [cancelled] |
| Feb. | 12 | BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time for Parent-Teacher Conferences preparation/reimbursement |
| Feb. | 15 | No Classes; Teacher Workday for Parent-Teacher Conferences preparation/reimbursement (This is a Monday and it also happens to be Presidents' Day; MCPS are closed.) |
| Mar. | 2 | Lower Elementary (grades K-2) Science Fair; Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. |
| Mar. | 3? | Upper Elementary (grades 3-5) Science Fair; Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. [Virtual plans TBA] |
| Mar. | 4? | Middle School History Night; Thursday at 6:30 p.m. [Date and virtual plan TBA] |
| Mar. | 5 | No After School Program; BNS is Open until 3:45; a Friday N/A |
| Mar. | 8-12 | Spring Break (This is <i>no longer</i> VT's and RU's Spring Break.) (MCPS Spring Break = April 1, 2, and 5?) |
| Mar. | 25 | Corporation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., this is a Thursday [via Zoom] |
| Apr. | 2 | BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time compensation (first Friday in April) (happens to be Good Friday this year) |
| Apr. | 5-22? | Authors' Tea Weeks, 6:00 p.m. each evening (MTW, MWTh, TWTh) [Virtual plans TBD] (R:5 th , O:6 th , Y:7 th , G:12 th , T:14 th , B:15 th , P:20 th , P:21 st , P:22 nd) [April Board meeting will be shifted (TBA) to give space for A's Teas.] |
| May | 7 | No Classes, Teacher Workday for Parent-Teacher Conference preparation (This is a Friday.) |
| May | 10 | No Classes, Teacher Workday for Parent-Teacher Conference preparation (This is a Monday.) |
| May | 27 | Annual Arts Festival and End-of-Year Picnic Dinner Celebration, 6:00 p.m. (Thursday) ??? [Possible virtual version TBD] |
| May | 28 | Last Day of School; Graduation Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.; BNS Closes at 12:00 noon ??? [Possible virtual version TBD] (This is a Friday. MCPS's last day = May 21-May 27—depending upon their snow days) |

BNS School Day = 9:00 am – 3:15 pm This has been modified to include a combination of in-person and remote learning.

This is a 180 day calendar as required. This is a 1065 hour calendar; state requirement = 990 hours. [via combination of in-person + remote learning]
The 75 hours (12 days) of Banked Time may be used for any weather delays or closings.

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Please note that several “usual” indoor events such as:
 Thanksgiving Performance Celebration, History Nights, Chocolate Party, Science Fairs, and Authors’ Teas are not listed for this year.
 Some of these events could possibly be added in if we see kid vaccines, controlled variants, and other positive trends.
 It is also possible that modified versions of some of the events will be developed individually by teachers as the year progresses.

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| Aug. | 4 | Start of Teacher Work Days: August 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 (W,Th,F,M,T) |
| Aug. | 6 & 7 | Parent Work Days (to get the school ready), Friday and Saturday; in shifts; mostly outdoors |
| Aug. | 11 | First Day of School (a Wednesday) (VT and RU classes start on Mon. the 23 rd this year; Montgomery County Public Schools begin Thurs. Aug. 12.) |
| Sept. | 6 | Labor Day, BNS is CLOSED (MCPS are closed; VT no classes; RU yes classes) |
| Sept. | 17 | School Photos are tentatively scheduled for this day ? (weather-dependent). |
| Oct. | 7 | Corporation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., a Thursday [Probably via Zoom] |
| Oct. | 15 | BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time for Parent-Teacher Conferences prep/reimbursement; a Friday |
| Oct. | 18 | No Classes, Teacher Work Day for Parent-Teacher Conferences preparation/reimbursement; a Monday |
| Nov. | 5 | BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time compensation (first Friday in November) [This provides needed support to the grading schedule of our Middle School program.] |
| Nov. | 19 | No After School Program [if there is an ASP]; a Friday |
| Nov. | 22-26 | Thanksgiving Break (the full week) |
| Dec. | 17 | No After School Program [if relevant]; a Friday |
| Dec.20-Jan.4 | | BNS is Closed for Winter Break; (MCPS break begins with early release Dec. 21; VT last exam=15 th ; RU's=9 th) Winter Break = two full weeks + the Monday after |
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| Mar. | 4 | No After School Program [if relevant]; a Friday |
| Mar. | 7-11 | Spring Break (This is VT’s and RU’s Spring Break.) (MCPS Spring Break = April 14, 15, and 18) |
| Mar. | 24 | Corporation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., this is a Thursday [Possibly via Zoom] |
| Apr. | 1 | BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time compensation (first Friday in April) |
| May | 6 | No Classes, Teacher Work Day for Parent-Teacher Conference preparation (This is a Friday.) |
| May | 9 | No Classes, Teacher Work Day for Parent-Teacher Conference preparation (This is a Monday.) |
| May | 26 | Annual Arts Festival and End-of-Year Picnic Dinner Celebration, 6:00 p.m. (Thursday) ?? MAYBE? |
| May | 27 | Last Day of School; Graduation Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.; BNS Closes at 12:00 noon ?? MAYBE? HOPEFULLY! (This is a Friday. MCPS’s last day = May 20 - May 27—depending upon their snow days) |

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