

2019-2020 Blacksburg New School Calendar

Aug.	7	Start of Teacher Work Days: August 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, (W,Th,F,M,T)
Aug.	10	Parent Work Day (to get the school ready), Saturday starting at 10:00 am
Aug.	12	Back-to-School Potluck at Nellie's Cave Park; 6:00 pm (Monday)
Aug.	14	First Day of School (a Wednesday) (VT and RU classes start on Mon. the 26 th this year; Montgomery County Public Schools also begin Wed. Aug. 14.)
Sept.	2	Labor Day, BNS is CLOSED (MCPS are closed; VT no classes; RU yes classes)
Sept.	20	School Photos are tentatively scheduled for this day (weather-dependent).
Oct.	5	"Fall Indoor Yard Sale & Market Extravaganza" fundraiser at BNS; Saturday
Oct.	10	Corporation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., a Thursday
Oct.	18	BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time for Parent-Teacher Conferences prep/reimbursement; a Friday (VT's fall break)
Oct.	21	No Classes, Teacher Work Day for Parent-Teacher Conferences preparation/reimbursement; a Monday
Nov.	1	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.	21	Our Thanksgiving Celebration; 6:30 p.m., Thursday evening at Bburg Middle School
Nov.	22	No After School Program; BNS is Open until 3:45; a Friday
Nov.	25-29	Thanksgiving Break (the full week)
Dec.	5	Elementary Upper Grades (3 rd /4 th /5 th) History Night; Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Dec.	12	Middle School Science Fair; Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Dec.	19	No After School Program; BNS is Open until 3:45; a Thursday
Dec.	20	BNS is Closed; Start of Winter Break; Friday (MCPS break begins with early release Dec. 20; VT last exam=19 th ; RU's=12 th)
Dec.20-Jan.5		Winter Break (two full weeks plus the Friday prior)
Jan.	6	School resumes (a Monday) (MCPS students resume same day; VT and RU classes resume on Tues. Jan. 21)
Jan.	20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a Monday, BNS is CLOSED (VT and RU no classes. MCPS are closed.)
Feb.	8	Annual "Chocolate Party" fundraiser; Saturday at University Mall 10am-4pm
Feb.	14	BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time for Parent-Teacher Conferences preparation/reimbursement
Feb.	17	No Classes; Teacher Work Day for Parent-Teacher Conferences preparation/reimbursement (This is a Monday and it also happens to be Presidents' Day; MCPS are closed.)
Mar.	3	Lower Elementary (grades K-2) Science Fair; Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Mar.	4	Upper Elementary (grades 3-5) Science Fair; Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Mar.	5	Middle School History Night; Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Mar.	6	No After School Program; BNS is Open until 3:45; a Friday
Mar.	9-13	Spring Break (This is VT's and RU's Spring Break.) (MCPS Spring Break = April 8, 9, 10, and 13)
Mar.	26	Corporation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., this is a Thursday
Apr.	3	BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time compensation (first Friday in April)
Apr.	6-23	Authors' Tea Weeks, 6:00 p.m. each evening (MTW, MTW, TWTh) (R:6 th ,O:7 th ,Y:8 th ,G:13 th ,T:14 th ,B:15 th ,P6:21 st ,P7:22 nd ,P8:23 rd) [April Board meeting will be shifted (TBA) to give space for A's Teas.]
May	8	No Classes, Teacher Work Day for Parent-Teacher Conference preparation (This is a Friday.)
May	11	No Classes, Teacher Work Day for Parent-Teacher Conference preparation (This is a Monday.)
May	25	Memorial Day, BNS is CLOSED. (This is a Monday. VT and MCPS are closed.)
May	28	Annual Arts Festival and End-of-Year Picnic Dinner Celebration, 6:00 p.m. (Thursday)
May	29	Last Day of School; Graduation Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.; BNS Closes at 12:00 noon (This is a Friday. MCPS's last day = May 22 – June 3—depending upon their snow days)

BNS School Day = 9:00 am – 3:15 pm
This is a 180 day calendar as required. This is a 1065 hour calendar; state requirement = 990 hours.
The 75 hours (12 days) of Banked Time may be used for any weather delays or closings.