2020-2021 Blacksburg New School Calendar

Aug. 6  Start of Teacher Work Days: August 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 (Th,F,M,T,W)
Aug. 9  Parent Work Day (to get the school ready), a Sunday this year, starting at 10:00 am
Aug. 10 Back-to-School Potluck at Nellie’s Cave Park; 6:00 pm (Monday)
Aug. 13  First Day of School (a Thursday)
          (VT and RU classes start on Mon. the 24th this year; Montgomery County Public Schools also begin Thurs. Aug. 13.)
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).
Oct. 8  Corporation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., a Thursday
Oct. 16  BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time for Parent-Teacher Conferences prep/reimbursement; a Friday (also VT’s fall break)
Oct. 19  No Classes, Teacher Work Day for Parent-Teacher Conferences preparation/reimbursement; a Monday
Nov. 6  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  Our Thanksgiving Celebration; 6:30 p.m., Thursday evening at Bburg Middle School
Nov. 20  No After School Program; BNS is Open until 3:45; a Friday
Nov. 23-27  Thanksgiving Break (the full week)
Dec. 3  Elementary Upper Grades (3rd/4th/5th) History Night; Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15  Middle School Science Fair; Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 18  No After School Program; BNS is Open until 3:45; a Friday
Dec.19-Jan.3  BNS is Closed for Winter Break; Friday (MCPS break begins with early release Dec. 22; VT last exam=17th; RU’s=10th) Winter Break = two full weeks
Jan. 4  School resumes (a Monday) (MCPS students resume on 6th; 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.)
Feb. 6  Annual "Chocolate Party" fundraiser; Saturday at University Mall 10am-4pm
Feb. 12  BNS Closes at 12:00, Teacher Work Time for Parent-Teacher Conferences preparation/reimbursement
Feb. 15  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. 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.
Mar. 4  Middle School History Night; Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 5  No After School Program; BNS is Open until 3:45; a Friday
Mar. 8-12  Spring Break (This is 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
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)
          [April Board meeting will be shifted (TBA) to give space for A’s Teas.]
May 7  No Classes, Teacher Work Day for Parent-Teacher Conference preparation (This is a Friday.)
May 10  No Classes, Teacher Work Day 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)
May 28  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 21-May 27—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.