New Brunswick School Year Calendar
Holidays and Other Events

New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day
DECEMBER 31ST / JANUARY 1ST
Students are on the winter/Christmas break during this holiday. It is the celebration of a new calendar year. It is celebrated with family and friends. Sometimes there are fireworks.

Valentine’s Day
FEBRUARY 14TH
In elementary school, students may celebrate by having a Valentine’s Day party. Students often give Valentine’s day cards to their friends and classmates.

In high school, students may be able to purchase chocolates or Valentines for their friends.

Pink Shirt Day
NEAR THE END OF FEBRUARY
This is a day when students and teachers wear pink shirts to raise awareness about the problem of bullying.

Turnaround Days
TWO DAYS IN HIGH SCHOOL THAT HAPPEN AT THE END OF JANUARY, WHEN SEMESTER 1 IS ENDING
Students do not attend school on these days. The teachers work on student needs from the first semester and prepare for the next semester.

New Brunswick Family Day
3RD MONDAY IN FEBRUARY
This is a day off school to spend with your family.

March Break
THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF MARCH
During this week students have a break from school. Some families go on vacation. There are usually programs running at your local YMCA or Multicultural Centre.

March Break does not happen at the same time across Canada.
Mother’s Day and Father’s Day
MOTHER’S DAY- THE SECOND SUNDAY OF MAY
FATHER’S DAY- THE THIRD SUNDAY OF JUNE

This is a holiday that was put in place to celebrate the Queen of England.

There is no school on this Monday, so students have a 3-day weekend.

In schools, students might prepare cards or gifts for their parents.

Victoria Day
THE LAST MONDAY BEFORE MAY 25TH

This is a holiday that was put in place to celebrate the Queen of England.

There is no school on this Monday, so students have a 3-day weekend.

In schools, students might prepare cards or gifts for their parents.

St. Patrick’s Day
MARCH 17TH

Some students wear the colour green to school to celebrate this day, which honors Irish culture. You do not have to be Irish to participate.

In elementary school, students may do lessons or crafts based on Irish themes or symbols (leprechauns, pot of gold, or shamrocks).

Easter
DIFFERENT EVERY YEAR, BUT HAPPENS IN MARCH OR APRIL

Students have a 4-day weekend (Friday and Monday). It is a Christian holiday.

In elementary school, students might make crafts or talk about the Easter bunny who brings treats and presents to them on Easter Sunday. This holiday is not really celebrated in middle and high school. They might organize an Easter egg hunt.

Exams, Prom, and Graduation (High School)
MIDDLE TO END OF JUNE

Exam week usually happens during the second week of January and June.

Prom happens after exams, but each school is different. Students wear suits and fancy dresses to this event/dance. It is expected that students take a date with them if they wish to do so.

Graduation is the very last event to happen. Each school has a different date for this event. Most schools have robes and caps that students wear.

Middle schools often have proms at the end of Grade 8, as well. Students may wear dresses, shirts and ties, or something more casual. It is not as fancy as high school prom.

Canada Day
JULY 1ST

This holiday occurs during summer vacation. It is a celebration of Canada. There are different activities that go on in every community. There are usually fireworks.

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New Brunswick Day
THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST

This holiday occurs during summer vacation. It is a celebration of New Brunswick. There are different activities that go on in every community.
Thanksgiving Day
THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER EVERY YEAR

Students have a holiday from school on this day. Many families eat a big dinner together. Traditionally, families will eat turkey or ham for this meal.

In school, students might talk about what they are thankful for in their class lessons.

Halloween
OCTOBER 31ST

There will likely be decorations in both schools and neighbourhoods in the days leading up to Halloween. Decorations include black cats, skeletons, mummies, jack-o-lanterns, witches and more. Students might be allowed to wear costumes at school or during a school Halloween night.

Outside of school, children wear costumes and collect candy from the houses in their neighbourhood on the evening of October 31st. Most children walk through the neighbourhood with parents and some friends and their parents. Houses in busy neighbourhoods can receive more than 100 “trick or treaters” (children in costumes asking for candy) on the evening of October 31st. Some children “trick or treat” at the mall, especially if it is raining or snowing.

Children usually stop going “trick or treating” around the ages of 12-14.

Orange Shirt Day
END OF SEPTEMBER

This is a day to learn about and recognize the impact of the residential school system in Canada. Students and teachers wear orange shirts to raise awareness and honour residential school survivors and their families.

Labour Day
THE FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER

This is a holiday that always happens on the day before school begins every year.

Picture Day
USUALLY DURING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF SCHOOL. IT IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH SCHOOL

Students have their class photos taken in elementary and middle schools. In high schools, they have individual photos taken for the yearbook and school ID cards. If parents want to have copies of the photos, they can send money into the school and fill out an order form.

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Remembrance Day

NOVEMBER 11TH

This is a holiday to remember war veterans. There is no school on this day. On the days leading up to the holiday, students will attend a ceremony at their school. It is solemn and there is often music. Students wear poppies on this day and the days leading up to this event.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Some schools ask you to book a time slot for an interview with the teacher. Other schools have you stop in during the interview time. If you need a translator, contact your local multicultural or ethnocultural association (www.nb-mc.ca/members/). You should book a translator in advance because they are very busy around the times of these meetings.

Teachers will talk about student marks and progress. Students do not usually attend the meeting.

Consult the school calendar for your district to find the dates.

Christmas

DECEMBER 25TH; THE HOLIDAY IS DIFFERENT EVERY YEAR BUT IS TWO FULL WEEKS LONG AND COVERS NEW YEAR’S DAY AS WELL

Christmas is a Christian holiday, but also a cultural celebration.

In school, students might have a Christmas or winter concert or assembly where they will perform songs or dances. Families will receive a notice from the school inviting them to attend the concert. Children usually wear a dress or a shirt and tie, and families take pictures.

Some schools may have a Christmas dinner for the students. Sometimes, parents will send gifts or cards for teachers, especially in elementary or middle school.

Report Cards

VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Schools send report cards home to update parents about student progress and marks. The report cards look different depending on the grade level. You can discuss these results at the parent/teacher interviews.

In elementary and middle schools, parents need to sign the report card and send it back to the teacher.

Professional Learning Days and NBTA Days

VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Professional learning and NBTA days are for teacher training and collaboration. On these days, students stay home from school so teachers can meet together. Consult your district’s website to find out the dates for the year.