

# New Brunswick School Year Calendar

## Holidays and Other Events



### New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> / JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>



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 14<sup>TH</sup>



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

3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

## St. Patrick's Day

MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>



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.

## Victoria Day

THE LAST MONDAY BEFORE MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

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.

## 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.

## Mother's Day and Father's Day

MOTHER'S DAY- THE SECOND SUNDAY OF MAY

FATHER'S DAY- THE THIRD SUNDAY OF JUNE



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

## Canada Day

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>



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.

## 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.

## Labour Day

THE FIRST MONDAY IN  
SEPTEMBER

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

## 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.

## 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 31<sup>ST</sup>



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.

## 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.

## Take Our Kids to Work

BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER



This is Canada's longest-running, highest-profile career exploration event. Students have the opportunity to attend the workplace for the day with a family member, a friend or another adult they know.

## Remembrance Day

NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>



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.

## Christmas

DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>. 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.

## 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/](http://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.

## 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.