

The Chronicle Herald

To: Principals and Teachers of NIE Schools throughout Nova Scotia
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Welcome to another school year! Hopefully, the hectic pace at the start of another school year is beginning to slow down a little. By now, newspaper delivery in print format has resumed in most schools, and the digital edition of *The Chronicle Herald* and all *SaltWire Network* publications is now available. I am sure that you agree that the educational benefit of having newspapers in the classroom is immeasurable. At *The SaltWire Network*, we are excited about the extensive offerings that the award-winning Newspaper in Education Program offers to schools throughout your province. We hope that you will take the time to consider the following regular features of the program as you plan your curriculum and instruction. **Please share with your colleagues!**

DELIVERY SCHEDULE

We are pleased to offer delivery of print editions to schools throughout the school year. Please note that our delivery schedule for the school year exempts the following dates:

November 11

December: Dec 20- January 6; delivery resumes Jan 9.

February 20

March: March 13-17; delivery resumes March 20.

April 7 and 10

May 22

Final Day for delivery to schools: June 16

If you require stops for additional days, please advise at least 2 weeks before the scheduled date.

THE E-EDITION

We are very pleased to offer to schools digital access to the SaltWire e-Edition. The kiosk houses digital replica editions of all *SaltWire Network* publications, including *The Chronicle Herald*, *The Telegram*, *The Cape Breton Post*, *The Guardian*, and our roster of weekly community newspapers.

With a click of a button, you will be able to view the digital editions of all papers, at no cost to your school. **(If you are asked for your username and password, then there is a problem, so please let me know asap.)**

Our publications have been enhanced with the latest digital tools. For example, papers can be translated in several languages, including French; and both have audio capabilities – where students can listen to recordings of selected articles. This is of major benefit to schools with French Immersion Programs and students enrolled in ESL Programs.

Users can also **zoom, bookmark, share, and print** current and past editions of *all publications*. For research assignments and opinion pieces, digital access is a perfect resource. And now with Smart Board technology and class sets of iPads and Chromebooks, the papers are only a click away!!!

To access all *SaltWire Network publications* go to:

<https://saltwire.pressreader.com>

To access the *SaltWire* website please go to:

www.saltwire.com

SERIAL STORIES

As in previous years, we will continue to feature a serial story in *The Chronicle Herald* every Tuesday and Thursday. Well-received by teachers and students, these stories come complete with curriculum activities and are suitable for students in grades K-8. Watch for promo ads for details about upcoming stories.

NASA NIGHT SKY NETWORK

On the second Friday of each month, the NIE page will continue to feature the NASA column titled Night Sky Network. This program supports astronomy clubs dedicated to astronomy outreach. These short monthly columns give accurate, up-to-date, and highly readable information for students and teachers. Visit nightsky.jpl.nasa.org to find local clubs, events, and more!

The most recent column, “Fomalhaut: Not So Lonely After All”, presents fascinating facts about the star Fomalhaut and its two nicknames The Loneliest Star and The Autumn Star. If you missed the feature, go to the SaltWire kiosk and search for the October 14th edition of *The Chronicle Herald*.

CAROL’S PICKS

Resuming November 7, “Carol’s Picks” will feature a weekly curriculum activity on selected topics to supplement curriculum development. Very well-received by teachers, this newspaper resource has much potential for use in classroom instruction, as an independent study activity or as an alternate assessment tool.

PUZZLE PAGES

When COVID-19 struck our region in March 2020, The SaltWire Network introduced a new page of puzzles to help readers pass the time at home. Now that students have returned to school, these puzzles can also challenge and delight many of our younger readers.

Kakuro - Each puzzle consists of a blank grid with sum-clues in various places. The object is to fill all empty squares using numbers one to nine, so the sum of each horizontal block equals the clue on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.

SCRABBLEgrams - Combines anagrams and crosswords in a quick-play game format suitable for any skill level. SCRABBLEgrams is an innovative teaching tool that builds vocabulary skills and is based on the popular SCRABBLE® board game

Boggle BrainBusters - This quick brain jolt will forever change the way you look at letters. It features a dynamic word grid and challenges readers on many levels. The words are right there - all you do is find them. Players scan the grid for words of three letters or more. They can play against themselves, friends or find words using trivia clues.

Tic-Tac-Logic - This single-player puzzle is based on Tic-Tac-Toe, the pencil-and-paper game many of us enjoyed as children. It uses pure logic and requires no math to solve

Don't Quote Me - Inspired by the award-winning **Don't Quote Me** board game, readers will get quotes each day and will have to determine which famous individual – many Canadian – uttered the memorable lines.

Finally, the popular **Whiz Word** puzzle, will be moving to Wednesday for a mid-week challenge.

FEATURED STUDENTS, TEACHERS, SCHOOLS

How has *The Chronicle Herald* been used in your school and classroom? Have you an interesting story to share with readers and inspire others? Tell us your story; we will try to feature your student, class, teacher, or school on the NIE page.