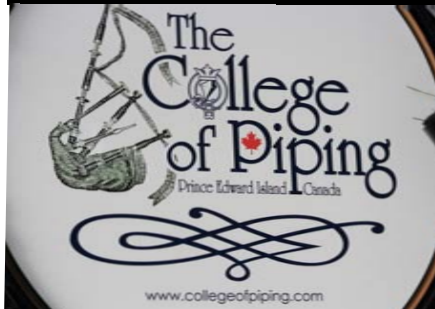


# the Celtic Connection

FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



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Our newsletter is published every month. It is available in hardcopy and on our website:  
[www.collegeofpiping.com](http://www.collegeofpiping.com)

The **College website** is a fantastic source of information on the College of Piping and its activities. You will find up to date information on the blog, access to our Facebook page and Twitter account, pictures of events at The College and at events we have attended. Class offerings, staff biographies, College history, competition results, photos and much more can be found on the site. Take a look and find out more about us.

## December 5th

December 5<sup>th</sup> is International Volunteer Day! Thank you for all the volunteers that make this organization run smoothly! I know we say it all the time, but really, we couldn't do it without you!



**Spend \$75 (before taxes) in the Gift Shop and receive a Highland Storm ticket!**

If you have shopping you want to do for the people on your list, here is a great reason to shop at The College of Piping!! **Starting on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, the gift shop will be open until 9pm for you to drop by and pick up something special.** We have great Celtic and piping ornaments, Celtic themed Christmas cards, wonderful Cows/College of Piping t-shirts, College of Piping themed gear, Celtic jewellery and local pottery, PEI tartan lambswool scarves, PEI tartan wool blankets and many other great items! Spend \$75 (before taxes) in the gift shop during these dates and you will receive a complimentary ticket for Highland Storm in 2016! Plan to do your shopping, so that you have a head start on enjoying Highland Storm next summer!

## Christmas Recital

Don't forget the Christmas recital will be held on **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Summerside Intermediate School (SIS) at 2pm.** SIS' address is

247 Central St in Summerside. If you aren't sure where it is located, it is easy to find, just plug the address into Google maps and it will show you the exact location! Students, your instructors will let you know what time you need to be at SIS and where you should be going within the building. This is open to everyone, bring your friends and family and enjoy this fun show!

The Pipe Bands and Dancers will be holding a silent auction during the recital...there are always some great items, so be prepared to bid on your favourite(s)!

We would be grateful if you brought along a nonperishable item of food as the price of admission with all food donations going to the food bank. A goodwill offering/donation would also be greatly appreciated at the recital with proceeds going to the operations of The College. It is the season of giving!



## Instructors for 2015/2016 year

James MacHattie –  
Director of Education

Kylie MacHattie - Bagpiping  
Nick vanOuwkerk - Bagpiping  
Chris Coleman - Drumming  
Sam Ramsay - Drumming  
Dance

Marielle Lespérance - Highland  
Chelsey Sanderson - Step(Lead)

## Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping, drumming and highland dance. Please contact our director of Education, James MacHattie, for more information on how you can learn to pipe or drum from the comforts of your own home.

## Contact

If you have any questions, concerns or words of praise, please contact Karen Hatcher, Executive Director or James MacHattie, Director of Education. They can be reached at 436-5377 or e-mailed at [karen.hatcher@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:karen.hatcher@collegeofpiping.com) or [james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com)

## Competitions and Photos

Please check the College of Piping website for the most up-to-date results from the summer competitions. These can be found at: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/competitionresults.php>. You can also find the most up-to-date photos from all of our various competitions, fundraisers and events. These can be found at: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/photogalleries.php>



### Handicapped Parking

Only vehicles with handicapped parking stickers should be parking in the handicapped parking designated areas. Thank you very much for your co-operation.



## HOLIDAY HOURS

College of Piping Classes finish December 11<sup>th</sup> (but don't forget about the recital on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>!!). There won't be any band practices or dance company rehearsals the week of December 14<sup>th</sup> nor over the Christmas break. The College will close at 5pm on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and reopen at 9am on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. **We wish you all a wonderful holiday season filled with laughter and lots of fun!**

## Winter Highland Weekend

The College of Piping is very excited to be hosting a Winter Highland Weekend on **January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**! Dancers from across the Atlantic provinces will be learning from some of the best as we welcome our fantastic guest instructors for the weekend: Ellen Cameron Maloney (ON), Eleanor Belton (ON), Janice Macquarrie (NS), and Chantal Watt (NS). If you haven't already entered, get your registrations in ASAP, our spots are already over half full! You definitely don't want to miss this fun weekend of highland dance!



## Highland Ghillies on Sale!!

Are your Highland Dancer's feet growing so quickly that you can't keep up? The ghillies in The College's gift shop are on sale! They are 35% off the original price of \$87.99, so they are now \$57.20! We have child's sizes – 9, 10, 11 and 13 currently in stock! Don't wait too long or you will miss out on this awesome price!

## A Note for Goldrush 50/50 Participants

If you prepay your 50/50, and your pre-payments are due to expire December 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>, you might want to make your way into The College of Piping before we close on December 18<sup>th</sup> and top up your prepay. If you aren't able to pop in by the 18<sup>th</sup>, you can drop your toonies at any of the locations that have our boxes, except for The College of Piping, which will reopen on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am.



# DEADLINE





## Gold Rush 50/50 Draw

Don't forget to put your toonie in for the 50/50 Draw! You could be the lucky winner. The draw will be made each Thursday evening at the College of Piping in Summerside. If the number drawn on the draw day is a number for a person who did not sign in for that week's draw, that portion of the money is added to the following week's draw. This will increase the amount of winnings until a number is drawn that belongs to someone who has signed in. If you haven't signed up yet, come to The College or any of the participating locations, fill out a number slip and add your name to the book. Then all you have to do is put your toonie in each week and wait to be the winner!

### Participating locations

- College of Piping, Summerside
- Kensington Food Basket, Kensington
- Gallants Clover Farm, Rustico
- Gass's Store, New Haven
- Race Trac Gas, Stanley Bridge
- Wilson Gas, Summerside
- Reids Corner Esso, Summerside
- Granville Street Esso, Summerside
- Griffins Smoke Shop, Sobeys, Summerside
- Lights Smoke Shop, Summerside
- Summerside Butcher Shop
- Water Street Bakery, Summerside
- Credit Union Place, Summerside
- Needs Convenience, Water St. Summerside

Pass this message on to your friends and family and get them to enter our weekly draw and support the College of Piping Pipe Bands.

## Bottle Drive!

Start saving those bottles! The College of Piping dancers will be doing a bottle drive early in the New Year to help fund our highland and step dance trips for 2016. A pick-up date will be scheduled for early in January, or you can drop them off to Don's bottle exchange at any time (just make you sure mention that they are being donated to the College of Piping account when you do).



## Have you bought your Robbie Burns tickets yet??

On Saturday, January 23, 2016, The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada will host a celebration of the life and works of Robbie Burns at their annual Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala.

The funds raised from this event will go towards

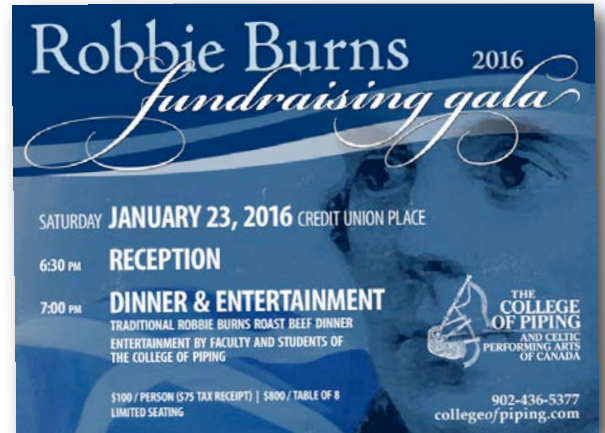
the operational expenses of The College and directly supporting the operational mission statement of "Inspiring excellence in Celtic performing arts through quality educational programming". Currently The College teaches over 220 students each week. There are step dancing, highland dancing, piping and drumming classes every week as an after school program. In addition, The College of Piping has three competition pipe bands and a dance company. As well, there are summer programs, weekend workshops, ceilidhs, concerts and recitals throughout the year. Students and faculty of The College are involved in the community on a very regular basis doing parades, piping, drumming and dancing at events. Students also spend lots of time traveling to pipe band competitions, highland and step dance competitions and highland gatherings in the summer. It's an organization that students excel not only in the Celtic Arts, but within themselves. The programs foster personal growth and confidence and teach goal setting.

**The fifth annual Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala will take place at Credit Union Place starting at 6:30 pm** featuring a

Scottish Ceilidh with students and faculty performing traditional and contemporary choreographies. Come enjoy the music of Robbie Burns along with piping, drumming, fiddling and dancing. A three course roast beef dinner, with haggis, will be served.

Tickets are \$100.00 per person with a \$75.00 tax receipt being issued. Tables will be set for 8 and will be eloquently decorated by Prestige Flower Shop. A complimentary shuttle, is offered from Charlottetown to Summerside (& return) for the event.

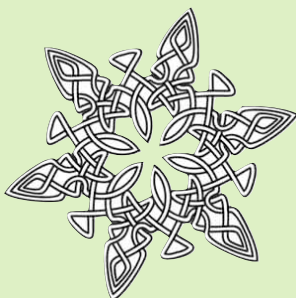
For more information on The College of Piping's events, please call (902) 436-5377 or 1-877-BAG-PIPE.



## A Note from Chelsey for Step Students

If you find your shoes not fitting anymore, it's time to start looking for new ones.

There is a limited supply of second hand shoes at the college, so make sure to ask your teacher if you are having trouble finding shoes!



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The College of Piping Pipe Bands "Win a \$2,500 Travel Voucher" fundraiser. The major prize for this event will be a travel voucher in the amount of \$2,500. In addition to this Grand Prize there will be 14 additional prizes drawn on **Monday, February 1, 2016** at The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada.

**Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50**

Terms, Conditions and Information:

Lottery License #13381. All prizes to be accepted as awarded. 1,500 tickets to be printed. Winner of the Super Grand Prize must provide own travel insurance.

**All proceeds in support of The College of Piping Pipe Bands.**

Draw will take place on Monday, February 1, 2016 at The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada, 619 Water Street East, Summerside, PEI. Winners will be notified.

Super Grand Prize: \$2,500 Travel Voucher.

Additional Prizes:

Holman Grand Hotel + \$100 dinner voucher at Redwater

Slemon Park Hotel + Dinner at Anson's

Delta Prince Edward + Edgewater Grill

Sobey's Gift Card for \$40

Prince Edward Aqua Farms Gift Certificate for \$25

Prince Edward Aqua Farms Gift Certificate for \$25

Arsenault's Seafood Gift Certificate for \$50

Murphy Group of Restaurants Gift Card for \$50

Green Gables Golf green fees for 4

Eagles Glenn Golf green fees for 2

Eagles Glenn Golf green fees for 2

The College of Piping Gift Shop Gift Certificate for \$100

Highland Storm tickets for 4

Highland Storm tickets for 4

Merry  
Christmas







## ...to help in the office,

5:00-9:00pm,  
Monday-Thursday evenings,  
during lessons and band practices.

We are always looking for back up volunteers in case our regular volunteers can't make it in. Volunteers help ensure the safety and security of our students, instructors, and the building itself. The gift shop will not be open, and there is no 'official' work that we'll need you to do...just greet people as they come in and answer the phone when it rings! It's a great chance to get caught up on work, small crafts, that novel you've been wanting to read (or write), or anything else.

To volunteer for the above, or if you have any questions, please contact Sue at 902-436-5377 or [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com)

The College of Piping has a **scent free policy** in its Summerside building. There are many people coming and going and some of them have scent allergies. These allergies can range from getting a headache to going into anaphylactic shock requiring hospitalization. Please be respectful and give them a safe place to study, perform and enjoy our programs.



## Entertainment at The Irish Benevolent Society all Winter!



Treble with Girls will be kicking off their winter long fundraising concert series presented by Cardigan Feed Services and Cardigan Bearing & Steel in support of the QEH Foundation this Sunday, Nov. 22nd at the BIS Hall, 582 North River Road in Charlottetown at 2pm.

Special musical guests will be the Fiddle Monsters and all ages are welcome with admission \$10 for adults, \$5 for students 12 & under and preschoolers free.

Thanks to our Nov. show

sponsor Aspin Kemp & Associates in Montague!

The afternoon shows will feature a 50/50 draw, canteen service, lunch served at intermission and tickets for sale on a chance to win a WestJet flight package!

The shows will take place every 2nd Sunday until May! Dec. 6th will feature Mike Pendergast with his son Shane and Dec. 20th will be a Christmas themed show with Richard Wood!

## School Closures

Sadly, we know that winter is coming, and we know that the bad weather will hit! So, for our new students and a reminder for returning students, The College doesn't follow school board closures. Decisions about classes are usually made by early afternoon, once we see how the roads are, etc., since sometimes Island schools will be closed due to the weather in the morning, but by the time the afternoon rolls around, roads are clear and we can still teach. So, keep an eye on our FaceBook page and blog, as well as on the cancellation lists on the local radio stations. If we are able to make it into the building, emails about cancellations will be sent out to the email addresses that were provided on your registration forms. But, as always, if it isn't safe to drive in from where you live, please don't! We'd rather you be safe at home...practicing, of course!!



As for other school closures, like professional days or parent-teacher interviews, we aren't regulated by the school board, so classes continue as usual on those days where you don't have school.