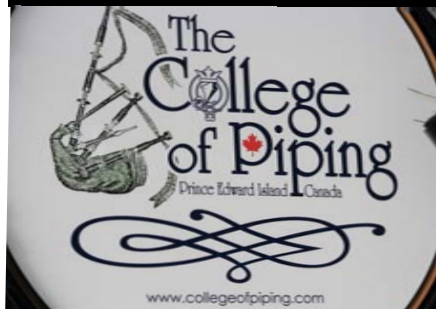


the Celtic Connection

FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



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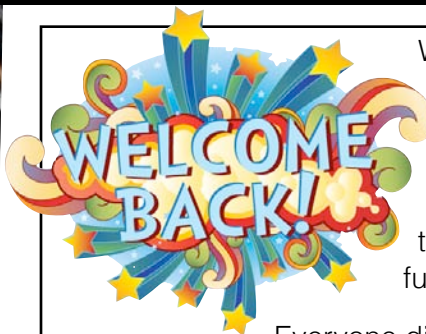
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Our newsletter is published every month. It is available in hardcopy and on our website:
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The **College website** is a fantastic source of information on the College of Piping and its activities. 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.



We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful break over the holidays, now it's time to get back to learning and practicing! It's always great to see everyone after a break and hear about their adventures, we hope you all had fun.

Everyone did so well at the Christmas recital and it was so wonderful to see how far everyone has come since the beginning of the year. We look forward to watching you all progress through to the year-end recital on Sunday, June 12th at 2pm in the Mary Ellen Burns Amphitheatre at The College.

Volunteer of the Year

Many of you who are involved with The College of Piping are familiar with our Volunteer of the Year - **Carl Brydon**. He is an amazing volunteer, who will help out with whatever we need help with, usually accompanied by his family.



Carl, who pipes with the Grade 5 band, has most recently taken up Highland Dancing. We were thrilled to see "The Brydon Family Fling" at our Christmas recital, that had Carl dancing the Highland Fling with his daughter Eithne and Calum played the pipes for them to dance to. Carl's other daughter, Mairi, is a drummer in the Grade 5 band. A busy College family! Carl is a black belt in karate, he loves to kayak, and is an awesome Dad.

We are honoured to be able to present the Volunteer of the Year Award to Carl and we are

blessed to have him and his family play such a large role in our organization.

Thank you Carl for all you do for us...we are so incredibly grateful!
Photo credits to Dean MacDonald.

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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 or 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.

Bottle Drive!

Keep saving those bottles! The College of Piping dancers are hoping that you will continue to save your bottles and drop them off to Don's bottle exchange at your convenience (just make you sure mention that they are being donated to the College of Piping account when you do)! Thank you!



Have you bought your tickets for January 23rd??



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.



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, Sobeyes, 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.



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

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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

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Snow, Wind, Ice, Sleet, Freezing Rain – Winter Weather

In case of bad weather please make sure that you check the College of Piping blog at

www.collegeofpiping.com, check out our FaceBook page, or go online and check out the cancellation lists on the various local radio station's webpages (keep scrolling past the schools!). We do not always follow the school closings!

