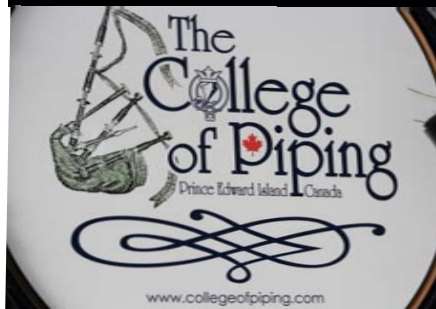


the Celtic Connection

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

The College website is a wonderful 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.

AVIVA Community Fund Voting

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Round 2 of the AVIVA Community Fund voting has started. Although we had over 1,000 votes in Round One, we did not receive enough votes to automatically advance to the Semi-Finals. WE HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE AND NEED YOUR HELP. If we successfully increase our votes through Round 2 – which runs from today through to November 3, we could advance.

We are not asking for money – just a few minutes of your time. The longest part of this process is going on-line and registering with AVIVA Community Fund. From there, you can save our “idea” and easily go in each day and vote. Voting each day, from as many unique e-mail addresses that you have, is the key. AVIVA Community Fund is awarding winning “ideas” with the funds to proceed with fulfilling dreams. Stage 1 of our dreams – a new roof, sides and seating in our aging theatre.



To assist in our project – please proceed to the following page if you are already registered:
<https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf19453>

If you need to register, this link will take you to the registration page:
<https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/users/registration/login>

Our Parking Lot is paved by an Anonymous Donor!!



We are incredibly grateful to our anonymous donor who paid to have our parking lot paved and the parking spaces marked. This is something the College couldn't have afforded to pay for, so we are thrilled. Thanks to Curran & Briggs who did an awesome job and again, **THANK YOU** to our donor!

Instructors for 2014/2015 year

James MacHattie –
Director of Education

Kylie MacHattie – Bagpiping
Chris Coleman – Drumming
Sam Ramsay – Drumming

Dance

Kearsney Smith – Highland
Chelsey Sanderson–Step(Lead)
Mikaila Murray-Step (Instructor)

Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping and drumming. 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>

Gift Shop

Looking for a specific clan product, a tie, scarf, mug, coaster, book or blanket? If we don't have it in stock we can order it for you! We also have a good selection of College of Piping hoodies (youth and adult), sweatshirts, t-shirts (adult and children's), comfy pajama and sweat pants. This time of year there is the best time to shop as there are fewer crowds. Come in, take your time and see what is available. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm.

FündScrip

The Simplest Ongoing Fundraiser EVER...

If you buy gas or groceries, or shop at many other retailers, and live anywhere in Canada, you can help support the College of Piping. **We aren't asking for a donation or for you to buy something you don't need or won't use.** All we are asking is that you purchase gift cards through us (or online through FundScrip and mailed directly to your home or another person's home) for stores you would normally shop at (rather than using your debit card). When these gift cards are purchased, we earn money! You still get the full value on your gift card, but through the generosity of the stores involved, we earn a percentage of the face value of the gift card. **This will be an ongoing fundraiser, so when you pick up your gift cards from us, a new order**

form will be available with the next order date! Gift

cards make

great presents...and the holiday season is coming up!



To purchase online:

It's very simple to create your own account – go to www.fundscrip.com and click on Support Your Group.

Complete the required information and then put in EXBKJ2 as the invitation code.

Agree to the terms of use and click on the Support a Group button at the bottom.

You will be sent a confirmation email to the email you supplied. Click on the confirmation link in the email and complete your registration.

How to place an order online:

Go to www.fundscrip.com and click on login (top right corner), login with your email address and password.

Click on the green BUY CARDS button - at this point the promotions (cards giving a higher percentage for a limited time) will appear.

To **start adding gift cards** to your account, look above the promotions where you will see a spot that splits the gift cards into categories or view all. View all (they will be listed in alphabetical order) is the simplest, unless you know exactly which cards you would like to purchase!

Once you've added the gift cards to your cart, **click checkout.**

It will likely ask you for an address to ship the cards to (you can ship them to any address in Canada, except PO boxes).

Choose your payment method (PLEASE DON'T USE CREDIT CARDS, IT DECREASES OUR EARNINGS BY 2% ON EACH CARD – more on payment methods further down the page).

Then choose place your order to submit your order.

It does walk you through all these steps pretty well, but if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me (Sue 902-436-5377) and I will do my best to help you!

Great options – if you are travelling outside of PEI (going to Highland Games, etc.) or have family that lives elsewhere in Canada, you can select the province you are interested in and purchase gift cards for those other provinces! Remember, not all gift cards have stores in every province, and we can't offer a refund on cards purchased for another jurisdiction in error.



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

- Samuels Coffee House, Summerside
- 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
- Dunn's Variety
- 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.

Online Payment methods:

If you'd like to purchase gift cards online, the fastest way to do this, with no additional costs is through Electronic Funds Transfer (I can email you the form you need to fill out).

The second simplest way is through Online Bill Payment. Set Fundstream/FundScrip up as a payee (same as you would for any other bill), when you check out your order and choose Online Bill Payment as your payment option, your order will give you your 16 digit customer number, which you will need when you set this up through your bank account. Just like any other online bill payments, it can take up to three days for the money to transfer (I tried this out and it still only took about 7 days for me to get the gift card I ordered!).

A third way to do this is through Interac Online (most major banks offer this). Please note, if you do it this way, our earnings are reduced by 85 cents per transaction.

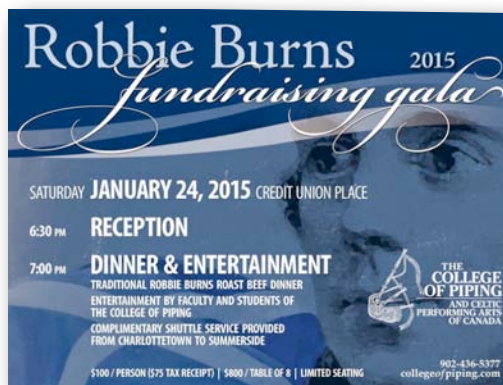
The final way to purchase gift cards online is using your credit card. The really negative thing about using your credit card is our earnings are reduced by 2%, which negates any money we'd earn on gas cards and nearly removes any earnings on a lot of other cards, so since this is a fundraiser...



I know I've given you A LOT of information here! Please feel free to email me any questions at sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com or call 436-5377.

Thank you in advance for thinking of us and wanting to support us...I want to make it as easy as possible for you to help us!!

Tickets Now On Sale for Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala



A Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala is being planned for Saturday, January 24, 2015. The reception will begin at 6:30 pm. with a traditional Robbie Burns Roast Beef Dinner at 7:00 pm.

Entertainment will be provided by the faculty and students of The College of Piping. Tickets are \$100.00 per person with a \$75.00 tax receipt. A table of 8 will be \$800.00. There is limited seating available so get your tickets early. Last year, the event sold out. Do not be disappointed!!! A complimentary shuttle service from Charlottetown to Summerside and return is available. This is the main fundraiser for The College of Piping so your support is appreciated to help us get through the year. As a non-profit organization, we are always looking for new and creative ways to raise the funds that will enable us to continue to provide educational programs, encourage students to learn and grow in their disciplines, and offer continued growth in the Celtic Performing Arts.

Scent Free

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.

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.



Gift Giving Ideas for Birthdays, holidays or just-because!



A number for the 50/50 Draw



Summer School Gift Certificate



Tickets for the Gathering



Tickets for Highland Storm



A Celtic gift from the Gift Shop



Used Step Shoes for Sale



We have some used Step Shoes that we are offering for sale. Proceeds from the sale will go to the COP Dance Fund.

The sizes and prices are as follows:

Size 12.5 - \$10

Size 3 - \$5

Size 4 - \$10

Size 5.5 - \$15

Size 9 - \$15

Size 3 to 3.5 - \$10

Size 5 - \$10

Size 6.5 - \$15

These shoes are available through Sue at the Gift Shop. Please call ahead (902-436-5377) to make sure the size you are looking for is still available, but shoes will not be held for you beyond the day you call! Thanks!

Our Gift Shop and the Holidays



I know it seems early to be thinking about Christmas and the holidays, but we have a lot of great items in the gift shop that would make wonderful presents!

We have tartan dog jackets, dancer and piper wellies, beautiful photos (taken by our own Susan Topping), laptop bags, coffee mugs, t-shirts, dorm pants, hoodies, and the newest items are chanter lamps. These lamps are made using old chanters...they are worth coming into the gift shop to check out and are hand made by Mike Dupuis, who is a member of our Grade 4 Pipe Band. For those who would like to add a little bit of music into your or your friend's lives, the wonderful College of Piping cd "At Long Last" is available for purchase.

For those of you who are having a tough time buying something for that person who doesn't need anything, we sell gift certificates, which can be used for purchasing Highland Storm tickets, etc.!

Doug and Debbie Hall Thank You Letters

Every year at Christmas we assemble a thank you package for Doug and Debbie Hall. This package is full of thank you cards, notes, drawings and even some thank you gifts to two of the most generous people around.

As a stipulation of the Doug and Debbie Hall Pipe Band Scholarship, a letter must be turned in by all scholarship recipients to their piping and drumming instructors **BEFORE**

December 1st.

The letters are a small way of saying thank you to two people who generously cover the piping and drumming tuition of our students.

thank you!





November 11th is a day of thought, reflection, gratitude, honour and remembrance. We observe the day as a nation. It is something that unites our country. We hear of stories of soldiers from the past and of the present. We hear of the sacrifices of then and now. We pause and we reflect.

On Tuesday, November 11th, The College will be closed. No classes will be held and the Grade 5 College of Piping pipe band practice will not take place. Please use this time to take in a service in your community and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.



St. Andrews Day



Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and Saint Andrew's Day is Scotland's official national day. It is the feast day of Saint Andrew and is celebrated on November 30th. Andrew was first recognized as an official patron saint of Scotland in 1320 at the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath. Did you know that Saint Andrew is also the patron saint of Greece, Russia, Romania and Barbados? His patronage extends to fishmongers, gout, singers, sore throats, spinsters, maidens, old maids and women wishing to be mothers.



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