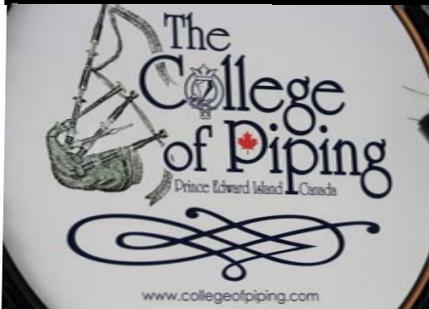


the Celtic Connection

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 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.

Introducing Briar Catherine MacHattie!!

The College of Piping is thrilled to welcome a new family member, Briar Catherine MacHattie, born to James and Kylie MacHattie (most of you know them as piping instructors here at The College) on Friday, October 23rd in the afternoon. Here she is here at a day and three days old!



Photo credits – Susan Topping, Anna MacDonald

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 7th until Thursday, December 10th, 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 jewelry and local pottery, PEI tartan lambswool scarves, PEI tartan wool blankets and many other great items! Spend \$75 (before taxes) in the gift shop 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!



Bottle (and Can) Drive!



Start saving those bottles and cans! 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).

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.

A message from our new highland dance instructor

A big thank you goes out to all of the College of Piping family for the very warm welcome I've received in my first two months of being here! I'm very excited to be working with the highland students and am looking forward to continuing to build the strength of the highland dance program here. It will be a fun and exciting year for all!



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.

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.

Remembrance Day

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 Wednesday, November 11th, The College will be closed. No classes will be held and the Grade 4 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.





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
- 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.

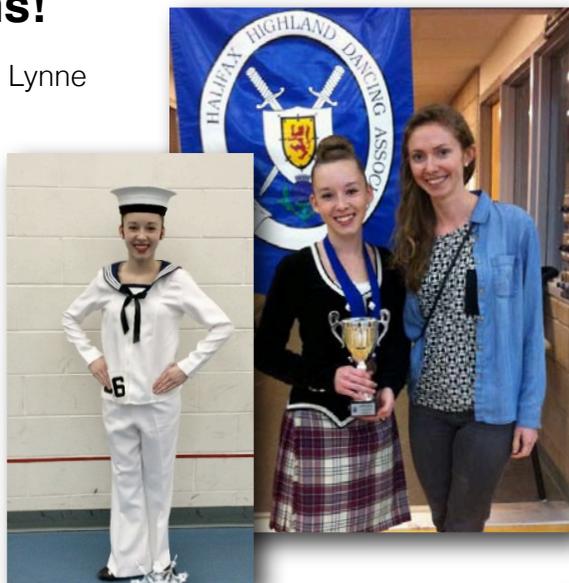
Pipe Bands at Trinity United Church for Service of Remembrance on Sunday, November 8th

If you would like to join the congregation of Trinity United Church in Summerside on Sunday, November 8th, the Grade 4 and 5 pipe bands will be taking part in their Remembrance Service at 10:30am. All are welcome!

A note for pipe band members and parents – please meet in the basement of Trinity United in Summerside at 9:30am.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Shelby Lynne Dalziel for placing 5th Runner-up in the Atlantic Canada Open Championship, as well as the Maritime Open Premiership held in Halifax on the 3rd and 4th of October! Shelby also placed 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th in her dances at the Colchester competition on October 17th. Way to go Shelby!



Christmas

Recital

Don't forget the Christmas recital will be held on Sunday, December 13th 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!

College Holiday Hours

Classes will finish December 11th. There won't be any band practices or dance company rehearsals held over the Christmas break. The College will close at 5pm on Friday, December 18th and reopen at 9am on Monday, January 4th.



A Note from Chelsey for Step Students

It's that time of year again, the time when shoes just don't fit like they did last year. In fact, they might not fit at all! While your dancers were out running around in sandals all summer, you may not have noticed their growing feet! Back to dance shopping may need to happen- so make sure to try those shoes on and find out before your first night of classes whether you need a bigger size. 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!



FundScrip Reminder – final pre-Christmas group order

We will be submitting our final pre-holiday FundScrip order on Thursday, November 26th, so please have your order forms in by 10am. Bonus November offers include increased percentages on Petro Canada, East Side Mario's, Swiss Chalet, Stokes and Sears! This is one of the simplest ways to support The College of Piping, by buying gift cards for places you shop at regularly! If you have questions about FundScrip, please contact Sue at sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com



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St. Andrews Day

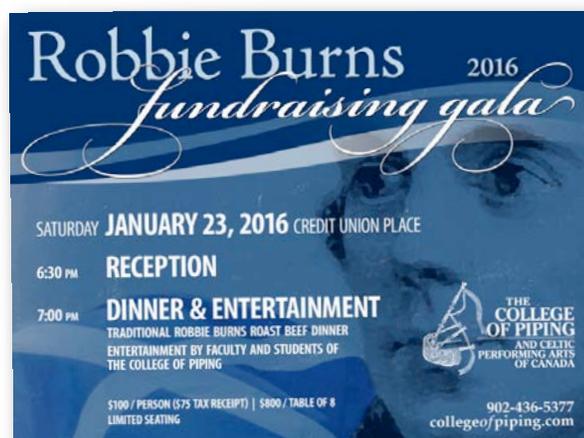
Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and Saint Andrew's Day is Scotland's official national day. It is the feast day of Saint Andrew and is celebrated on November 30th. Andrew was first recognised as an official patron saint of Scotland in 1320 at the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath. Did 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.



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.



**...to help
in the office,**

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

We are currently 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

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.



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.

Prizes:

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

