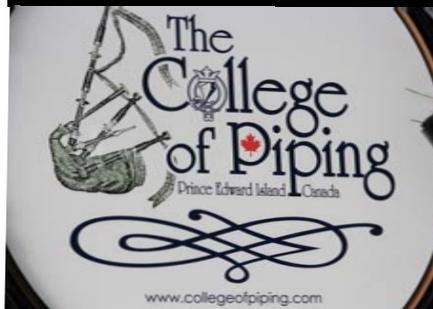


the Celtic Connection

FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



Welcome back! We hope you are settling into 2013 and your list of resolutions is still a work in progress and on track! Here at The College we have a lot of "work in progress". Classes are ongoing, bands are practicing, the dance company is rehearsing in anticipation of their debut and preparations are being made for all of our activities throughout the year. You may have read in the Journal Pioneer or heard Karen in an interview on CBC radio explaining the plans and

challenges The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts has for 2013. The new brochure is ready and highlights The Highland Gathering June 28, 29, 30 and Highland Storm which premieres on June 28. Our Summer Programs are listed as is the Mini Concert schedule. What a busy place this will be! Of course, there is a lot going on the rest of the year too; our monthly ceilidhs, workshops, competitions and more!

The first major event of 2013 for The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts will be the Robbie Burns Gala on January 26th. This is our major fundraiser and an opportunity to see the amazing talent that is emerging here. Tickets are available at The College by calling 436-5377 or by emailing Jane at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com.

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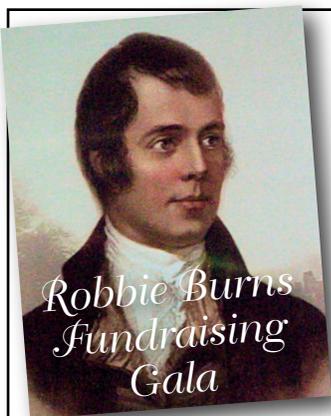
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Our newsletter is published every month. It is available in hardcopy and on our website: www.collegeofpiping.com

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.



Robbie Burns Gala Evening Reserve January 26th for the best evening of the winter season!

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts is hosting the Annual Robbie Burns Gala at Credit Union Place starting with a reception at 6:30 pm followed by a traditional three course roast beef dinner with haggis at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$100.00 (with each ticket receiving a \$75.00 tax receipt) and the event promises to be a fantastic bang for your buck!

Entertainment will be provided by College staff and the extremely talented students of the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts. The event will see the debut of the newly formed Grade 4 Pipe Band and it will also unveil the College of Piping Dance Company. There will be the traditional three course roast beef dinner (along with the famous address to the haggis). You don't have a good enough reason not to come!!! There is limited seating so call Jane at The College (436-5377) to reserve your tickets now.

Christmas Recital

The Christmas recital was the best one yet! We couldn't have had such a great show without our talented students. Thank you to every step and highland dancer, piper and drummer who took the time to come to Summerside to participate in the recital. It was so exciting to see the progress our students have made since September. It was also awesome to see the huge cheering section of all the families and friends who came out to offer their support. The Salvation Army appreciated our help as we collected lots of non-perishable items for their Christmas hampers. Thank you to everyone who supported The College with their donations and the College pipe bands were also very grateful to all who participated in the silent auction.



Tuition

Tuition is now past due. If you have not paid your second installment **please do so immediately**. Call Jane at 436-5377 to make arrangements.

Instructors for 2012/2013 year

James MacHattie –
Director of Education

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

Dance

Kearsney Smith – Highland
Brittany Banks–Step(Lead)
Rebecca Dawson – Step
Shanae Rogers – Step

Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping. Contact James or Jane for more information on how you can learn to Pipe from the comfort of your own home.

Contact

If you have any questions, concerns or words of praise, please contact James MacHattie, Director of Education or Jane Magee, Registrar. They can be reached at 436-5377 or e-mailed at james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com or jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com



Snow, wind, ice, sleet, freezing rain, storms

In case of bad weather make sure you check The College of Piping blog at www.collegeofpiping.com or listen to the radio to see if we are closed. The blog will always have up to date information. **We do not always follow the school closings.**

Homecoming 2013

The College of Piping Homecoming

On **September 1, 2014** The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada will be celebrating its **25th Anniversary!** So much has been accomplished in this quarter of a century. Starting with a two bedroom bungalow The College has grown to the facility that you see today. More importantly thousands of students have learned to pipe, drum and dance. Some have joined the bands and competed nationally and internationally. Some of our dancers have danced on world stages. And some of them dance in their living rooms. That's one of the great things about The College; we can help you attain your dreams whether they are personal or professional.

Speaking of the thousands who have come through our doors, we are creating a database of present and former students, instructors, volunteers and participants. **If you know of anyone who has had any connection to The College, please let us know.** We want to keep everyone up to date with the plans for the anniversary festivities. Call Jane at 436-5377 or email her at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com and she will make sure everyone is included. Everyone is welcome at The College, whether you are past student, a visitor, a current student or a Celtic enthusiast. There is always an open door policy at The College.



Brittany Banks

Step Dancer Brittany Banks has joined our team of instructors! Brittany is well known on the Island as a talented teacher, performer, choreographer and actor. She recently graduated from UPEI with a degree in music. She is truly a well-rounded Celtic Artist! She began at The College as a Highland Dancer, and also took drumming here. She received her BATD Associates in step in 2007. She is excited to return as part of the teaching faculty and we're very excited to welcome her. Check out the website for more details on her impressive bio (<http://www.collegeofpiping.com/facultystaff.php>). Welcome back to The College, Brittany!

The College of Piping Volunteer of the Year Award 2012

Volunteer of the year



The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to **Susan Topping** at the Christmas Recital on December 16th. For the past two years she has co-chaired the Highland Gathering with Vance Bridges. The hundreds of hours she spent in the planning and coordinating of this major event was pivotal to its success. The Highland Gathering is not the only area that Susan volunteers her time. She has spent countless hours helping in other areas of The College. She has painted offices, helped the bands and dancers in their fundraising efforts, she is the College paparazzi, College cheerleader, she has filled in as bookkeeper, helped clean up the backfield, she has been a mentor to both staff and students, this list could go on and on...what hasn't she done?! Whenever and wherever a hand is needed, Susan steps in without a mutter or complaint. She has been vital to the success of The College and we couldn't have accomplished half of what we have done without her help. Thank you, Susan, for your blood, sweat, tears, encouragement, hard work and unconditional support of The College. This award is a most deserved recognition. Congratulations, Susan!!!

Gift Shop

The gift shop at The College is open year round. If you need piping, drumming and dancing supplies: ghillies, College hoodies, dance, pipe band and local artist CD's - this is the place to come. We special order and have gift items for the person who has everything. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

Gift Basket



The winner of The College of Piping gift basket was Elaine Folland from Kensington. We really appreciate everyone who stopped by our table at the County Fair Mall. Thank you to all that supported the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts through this fundraising basket. We really appreciate it!



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**

- 1) Shell Service Station
-Water St. E
- 2) Wilson's Service Station on
-Water St E.
- 3) Reid's Corner Esso
-Summerside
- 4) Granville St. Esso
- 5) Samuels Coffee
- 6) Medicine Shop Pharmacy
- 7) Kensington Food Basket
- 8) Gass's Store – New Haven
- 9) Gallant's Store – Rustico
- 10) Race Trac Gas – Stanley
Bridge
- 11) Griffins Smoke Shop –
Sobey's Summerside
- 12) Lights Smoke Shop – by
Subway on Granville St.,
Summerside
- 13) Summerside Butcher Shop –
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.

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.

College Of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts

Ceilidh

Our next monthly ceilidh will be held on January 11th. These ceilidhs were created to provide a venue for every single student of The College to get a chance to perform and show off what they've learned in their classes, either as individuals or in groups. **Even if you only just started in September, you can still perform!** If you would like to perform, please contact Kearsney at kearsney.smith@collegeofpiping.com. Here are the dates for the remainder of this season's ceilidhs:

February 15 March 15 April 19 May 10

If you would like to come to the ceilidh arrive at The College of Piping by 7 pm. The cost of admission is \$5.00 per person. Come out, have fun, meet everybody, and be wildly entertained! Everyone is welcome!

ACPBA memberships for Pipers and Drummers

Pipers and drummers who wish to compete in solos for 2013 must become members of the Atlantic Canada Pipe Band Association. Individual memberships are due before January 1st. If you have failed to become a member before this date, the membership price increases. Please check the ACPBA website to check the amount. To do so, go to acpba.ca and click on membership.

Penny Banks



The College is offering to take pennies off of your hands. After Feb. 4, cash transactions will have to be rounded to the nearest 5¢ increment, but electronic transactions will still be calculated down to the individual cent. Finance Minister Flaherty announced in his March 2012 budget that the penny would be phased out, saving taxpayers an estimated \$11-million annually. It costs roughly 1.6¢ to make each penny. We all have pennies sitting on dressers or in drawers, jingling in pockets or falling out of our wallets. Help The College help you by putting your excess pennies in our Penny Banks. At the moment there is one at The College of Piping in Summerside but we hope to have more out and about soon. Remember "every penny counts" as we work to get our deficit down. Thanks for your help.

Ethnomusicology workshop on Jan 19th at the College at 1:00. Celtic Performing Arts: Old Roots, New Shoots

Meghan Bowen will give a workshop on our place in the Celtic tradition of performing arts. She is an ethnomusicologist, and one of our mature students in the Highland Dance studio. This session will be informative, interactive and quite simply a lot of fun. It is designed for all students of The College but the general public is welcome to attend. The cost is only \$5 to participate.

Highland Dance Classes

Kearsney will be in South Africa for 3 weeks in January. Classes will continue normally. Lacey Fisher, Hayley Porter and Kelly MacArthur will be teaching the classes while Kearsney is away. Kearsney will be spending the holidays with her family and renewing her passport. We all wish her well on her travels and she will be back at the College on January 25th.

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 of these folk and give them a safe place to study, perform and enjoy our programs.



Order Your Official Apparel Online!

[click here](#)

Keep Informed

You can find out what is going on at The College of Piping in many ways. Kylie updates the blog at least once a week (and remember to look there for storm cancellations), facebook and twitter has up to the minute information, our sign out front tells you what is coming up, we try to keep you in the loop with e-mails, and now there is the column in the Journal Pioneer. Of course you can always call The College 436-5377 or send us an e-mail if you have any questions.

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Piping, Drumming and Dancing Courses at The College of Piping

A reminder that there are several extra courses offered in all disciplines in the new year. Check your Educational Handbook or call Jane for more information on these classes.

Piping

Piping for Highland Dancing	Jan. 7 – March 11
Stage Performance Track	April 1 – May 20
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 4 – Feb. 25
Composition Workshop	April 8 to April 29

Drumming

Stage Performance Track	April 1 – May 20
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 4 – Feb. 25

Highland Dance

Choreography Group	Jan. 7 - June 10
Fitness Class	Jan. 7 to June 10
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 4 to Feb. 25

Step Dance

Choreography Group	Jan. 7 to June 10
Fitness Class	Jan. 7 to June 10
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 4 to Feb. 25

Anniversary



January 7th marked 5 years of "inspiring excellence" for drumming instructor **Chris Coleman!** Thank you, Chris, for all that you do for your students, the pipe bands, and the entire College of Piping family! Your tireless work ethic and passion for teaching are so valuable to our mission here at the College!



Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for **Devin Paynter**. Devin is one of our multi talented students. He is an accomplished snare drummer with our Grade 3 band (he was recently promoted to this grade this past fall), he competes in Grade 2 solos (he started the year in Grade 4 and upgraded at the end of the season and then was upgraded again!) and started out as the bass drummer for the Grade 5 band two years ago. Phew! Devin can now add piper to that already long list of accomplishments. In December Devin earned his bagpipes after starting chanter lessons in September. Perhaps one summer we'll see him playing his pipes in one band and his drum in the other...I wouldn't rule it out with the eagerness and determination that Devin is showing! Well done, Devin!



Congratulations are also in order to **Carsen Campbell**. He is not only an accomplished piper but he is also a very successful biathlete. Carsen was the well deserved winner of a \$10,000 amateur athlete scholarship to put towards training. Last year he took part in two world championships: the world pipe band championships and the world junior biathlon championships. There were only two recipients for this scholarship which were sponsored by Schick Xtreme Sport. Not only did he win this prestigious scholarship but he has just secured a spot on the 2013 Youth and Junior World Championship Biathlon team AND he won gold his pursuit race at the World Biathlon trials in Canmore, Alberta! Way to go, Carsen! We're all extremely proud of you and cheering you on from The College!



Don't forget to check out the College of Piping website for the latest photos and results. There are contests held throughout the Maritimes to keep dancers, pipers and drummers motivated through the cold winter months. Check out the College of Piping website to see how our students are doing! We also post photos from most of the events that our students attend. These can be found under the photo gallery on the website. If you have photos from a competition, dance out, fundraiser, gig, etc., please send them to the College. The photos will be vetted for quality and variety, so not all photos will be put up.