

the Celtic Connection

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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 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

A Robbie Burns Gala is being planned for **Saturday, January 21, 2012**. 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.** Tables of 8 will be available. There is limited seating available so get your tickets early. A complimentary shuttle service from Charlottetown to Summerside and return is available. It will leave the Wal-Mart by Pay Less Shoes at 5:30 pm. on the 21st. This is the main fund raiser 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.

Ceilidh

On January 27th at 7:00 pm the monthly Ceilidh will be held at The College of Piping. Ceilidhs will be held as a fundraiser for the band committee and dance committee. Enjoy performances by the pipers, drummers, dancers and faculty plus numerous other instrumentalists. Come and join in the fun. Tickets are \$5.00 a person, children 6 and under free. Munchies and refreshments are provided.

Christmas Recital

Thank you to all those who participated in the Christmas recital. Every dancer, piper and drummer out-did themselves. It was so exciting to see the progress our students have made since September. The Salvation Army appreciated our support as we collected canned good for their Christmas Hampers. Thank you to all those who supported The College with Goodwill offerings. If you won an item at the Silent Auction and you have not yet picked it up, please call Jane at 436-5377 and make arrangements.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Carly MacKenzie for becoming a Premier dancer after completing her year in Intermediate.

The College is very proud of this achievement. Way To Go!



Snow, Wind, Ice, Sleet, Freezing Rain, Storms

If we need to cancel classes due to weather conditions please listen to CBC, CFCY, Magic '93 or CJRW for the closure notice. The information will also be posted on Kylie's Blog on the College website www.collegeofpiping.com

A Reminder to Dance Parents

A reminder to parents that are thinking about competing: There is a complete kilt outfit for sale in the Highland cupboard for about ages 11 to 13, there is a kilt and matching socks for sale, as well as jig dresses. If you would like more information, get in touch with Kearsney.

Drum Set Lessons

Chris Rodgers will be offering weekly drum set lessons after school on Monday's in Summerside. Beginners to Intermediate students are welcome. Lots of snare drum skills apply to drum kit as well. Be a rock star



or think about joining a jazz band – the possibilities are endless! Contact Chris at christopherrodgers211@gmail.com

Our Web Site

We are so excited to have such visual and interactive site. You can read our blog, posted by Kylie, at least twice a week, This is the up-to-the-minute way you can find out about College happenings. Look for upcoming events at The College, check out new courses, find out about our staff, competition results ... if it pertains to The College, it will be on our site. There are links to our facebook page and other areas of interest as well. Go to www.collegeofpiping.com and check us out.

We are always looking for pictures and video clips that we can post. If you have pictures or video clips from Highland games competitions, dance competitions or anything else from this past year that you think would be suitable for the web site, please copy

to a CD and drop off to Jane at the College or to your instructor. They will be passed on to Karen and James for their web approval. Any pictures and clips you have and can send us will be a welcome addition. Please keep us up to date with competition results, pictures and video clips. It is all about our College of Piping family and you are an important member.

Bands Fundraising

Check out the progress map on the wall at The College of Piping. We have some blue dots filled in but there is still a lot of ocean to cross. Some of the ways you can support the band are;

- ✓ **Saving** bottles and recyclable drink containers
- ✓ **Purchase** tickets to the Summerside Storm basketball games
- ✓ **Buy** stained glass items from the Beautiful Band Fundraiser collection by Vera MacLean
- ✓ **Support** the Silent Auction at the Robbie Burns Gala
- ✓ **Participate** in the monthly Ceilidhs

Highland Dance Competitions

A reminder to those who wish to compete, you will need to fill out the **2012 Dancer Registration Forms**. You will need Kearsney's signature on the photos and forms. Parents may wish to go onto the **Scotdancepei** site to look ahead to upcoming competitions and to download the registration forms.

Tuition

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

ACPBA memberships for Pipers and Drummers Pipers and drummers who wish to solo compete for 2012 must become members of the Atlantic Canada Pipe Band Association. Individual memberships are due before January 1st and are \$20.00. To do so, go to acpba.ca and click on membership.

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Beautiful Band Fundraiser

Vera MacLean has made some very attractive stained glass to sell in the Gift Shop as a fund raiser for the band. There are dance slippers, drums, pipers and thistles. Stop in and see these beautiful pieces, everyone who has seen them has raved about them.

Tickets for the Summerside Storm Basketball games

Tickets for Summerside Storm games are on sale at The College of Piping. You can buy individual or season tickets here. These are flex tickets and The College of Piping family get a discount rate with the proceeds go to the band fundraising. Not only will you see great basketball games but The College of Piping provides some of the entertainment. Come in to the office or call Jane for more details.



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

Competition Track	Jan. 16 – Mar. 5
Stage Performance Track	April 2 – May 21
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 6 – Feb. 27
Composition Workshop	April 9 to April 30

Drumming

Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 6 – Feb. 27
Competition Track	Jan. 16 – Mar. 5

Highland Dance

Choreography Group	Jan. 9 to June 11
Fitness Class	Jan. 9 to June 11
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 6 to Feb. 27

Step Dance

Choreography Group	Jan. 9 to June 11
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 6 to Feb. 27



Fitness Class

Jan. 9 to June 11

Dates to Remember

This will be a busy year at The College of Piping. Here are some dates to mark on your calendar.

January 21

Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala

January 27

Ceilidh

June 17

End of Year Recital

June 22 – 25

Summerside Highland Gathering

July 2

Highland Storm Preview Night

July 3

Highland Storm Opening Night

August 4

Grade 3 Band Competing at Inverkiething or North Berwick

August 5

Grade 3 Band Competing at Bridge of Allan

August 11

Grade 3 Band Competing at World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow

Note to those who are going to Scotland

Any payments made towards the trip by Visa, MasterCard or Interact will have 3% added to them to cover the service charge. The 3% will be over and above the amount that you are paying on your travel account.



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Newsletter

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Instructors and Assistants for 2011/2012 year

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Kylie MacHattie – Bagpiping Instructor

Sarah Simpson – Bagpiping Assistant, Gr 5 band

Shanae Rogers – Bagpiping Assistant, Gr 5 band

Chris Coleman – Drumming Instructor

Sam Ramsay – Drumming Instructor - Charlottetown

Christopher Rodgers – Drumming Instructor

Kearsney Smith – Highland Dance Instructor

Samantha MacKinnon – Step Dance Instructor (Lead) – Summerside and Cornwall

Charlotte MacKenna – Step Dance Instructor – Summerside

Rebecca Dawson – Step Dance Instructor – Charlottetown

Shanae Rogers – Step Dance Instructor – Summerside