

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.**

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day We Will Remember Them



There will be no classes on November 12 since November 11 is on a Sunday this year. Classes for the rest of the week will be at their normal times.

There are many stories of pipers and drummers leading troops into battle. Let us remember with great respect and pride towards all the veterans who have fought and those who have died with the Canadian Armed Forces. **Our pipe bands will be performing at Trinity United Church, Summerside, on Nov. 4 for their Remembrance Service focusing on WW I. They will also lead the march to the Cenotaph on November 11th.**



Thank you to **Grant Campbell** for all the hard work he has done this summer. The painting and repairing inside and out has given a new shine to The College. Grant was with us from July to September and he will be missed. For those of you who don't know, Grant has worked on the College before. He was part of the team that helped renovate the College from a house into the building it is today.

A huge thank you to our wonderful custodian, **Elaine Lyon** for the great job she has done with all the shrubs and flowers. Her drum flower pots have been the first thing people see coming up the steps and they have received hundreds of compliments.

Thank you to **Kristen Craig, Shelly Rogers, Patsy Martin and Lindsay Rogers**, our evening volunteers. Monday through Thursday you will find one of them at the front desk from 5 – 8 pm to answer any questions you may have. They also accept registration sheets and payments! So if this is the only time you can get into The College, they will gladly help you.



Hall Scholarship Thank You Letters

Piping and drumming students are reminded to write their thank you letters to Doug and Debbie Hall. Please turn them in to your instructor before the Christmas recital. Doug and Debbie Hall generously cover the tuition for piping and drumming students under the Hall Scholarship program. Please

tell them how you are enjoying your classes, what you are learning, and anything else you think they would like to know. They provide us with this amazing opportunity and we need to let them know how much we appreciate their thoughtfulness.

Instructors for 2012/2013 year

James MacHattie –
Director of Education

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

Dance

Kearsney Smith – Highland
Samantha MacKinnon–Step(Lead)
Rebecca Dawson – Step
Shanea Rogers – Step

No Classes

There will be no classes during the **Christmas break**. We will be closed for the same two week period that the schools are closed for the Christmas break.

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

Not that we want to be thinking about this after the wonderful summer and fall we have been having but 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.**



Christmas Recital

It is great to see the progress all our pipers, drummers and dancers are making. We can't wait to see everyone performing at the **Christmas Recital on December 16th at 2:00 pm at the Summerside Intermediate School Cafeteria**. Admission is free. The College of Piping is asking for your assistance in supporting the Salvation Army Food Bank. Please bring along an item of food as the price of admission. A Goodwill Offering/Donation would be greatly appreciated at the recital with proceeds going to the operations of The College.



Order Your Official
Apparel Online!

College of Piping Apparel

We are now offering **official College of Piping apparel online!** You can order the stylish and very comfortable College of Piping apparel from the comforts of your home. You have several different options to access this new clothing line. You can either click on the banner that will appear on our website or the link can also be found in the About Us and Gift Shop sections of the website. Different colours and styles of shirts, hoodies, jackets, pants, shorts, hats, caps, backpacks and more are available. You can even choose your College of Piping logo. Start shopping!

John Gracie Concert

Mark your calendars! John Gracie will be performing at Trinity United Church on Saturday, December 15th. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available soon from any College of Piping band member. This is a band fundraiser for the College of Piping Pipe Bands. The concert will start at 7pm and promises to put you in the holiday spirit! Watch this space and the blog for more information!



Pipe and Drum Deposit

All College of Piping students who have a set of College pipes or a drum need to pay a deposit. Just to keep everyone in the loop, a separate bank account has been set up for these deposits. **None** of this money will be used, but it will be held as long as you are in possession of an instrument that is owned by The College. Once the instrument is returned in good condition, your deposit will be returned to you. The amount of the deposits will be small in relation to the value of the instrument and are as follows:
Bagpipes: \$100.00 Drum/Carrier: \$50.00

****NOTE:** For drummers: There is regular wear and tear on drums (snare heads can break, etc.), so don't think that a broken drum head from regular wear/age will void your deposit. It happens. Chris and Sam will know if any problems arose from poor care of the instrument (stored next to a heater/cold area, drum was dropped, gave it a bath, etc.), so be sensible with your instrument and it will be **fine**.

Never too late to learn

Adult instruction is available in all our disciplines and our instructors welcome you to register for introductory or refresher classes. Physical and mental exercise keeps your body in shape and your mind sharp. There is an adult class on Wednesday nights for those interested in learning drumming.



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

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.

When you are waiting for your class to begin or waiting for your child to finish his/her class, please keep in mind that there are other students in classes. Extra noise or running around makes it difficult for them to concentrate on their lessons. If you are waiting in Cornwall or Charlottetown, please remain in the waiting area and not outside the classrooms. Thank you for your consideration.

Introducing...



Do you enjoy going out to see a great movie? We have *just* the ticket for you!

Filmworks Summerside is a non-profit group of volunteers established to deliver acclaimed Canadian and international films to our community in partnership with Culture Summerside. We are part of a network of community groups affiliated with TIFF Film Circuit, the outreach division of the Toronto International Film Festival.

We will present a series of six films this season, one per month, starting on Wednesday, November 14, and continuing on the second Wednesday of January through May, 2013.

Our Opening Night Celebration presents:
INTOUCHABLES

Watch the movie trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsPHXVnt27g>

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
6:30 pm

Summerside Empire Theatres Studio 5

Tickets:

(CASH only; ADVANCE PURCHASE RECOMMENDED)

\$8.00 Advance; \$10.00 at the door

College of Piping Box Office

Eptek Art and Culture Centre

Lefurgey Cultural Centre

MacNaught History Centre and Archives

Samuel's Coffee House

OR contact: filmworks.summerside@gmail.com

For more information please visit our website:

www.FilmworksSummerside.ca

Registration Payments

Tuition for classes can be paid in full upon registration or at first class. The registration can also be paid in two equal installments. The first payment can be made upon registration or at first class and the second payment must be made on or before December 14th. Payments can be made by Debit, Visa, MasterCard, Cash or Cheque. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch with Jane at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com or by calling 436-5377. Once registered, no refund will be issued if a student decides to withdraw from the program for any reason. If you have any questions give Jane a call at 436-5377 or e-mail her at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com

All dancers age **9 and older** are invited to join this year's **Dance Company!** Chat to your instructors about what level you need to be at in order to be a part of this. Dancers will have the opportunity to learn a new repertoire of traditional and choreographed dances, improve presentation skills and technique, and learn to work and travel as part of a team. In the interest of developing performance abilities and choreography experience, dancers will be working towards community-level performances, as well as competing in regional team competitions. For more information, get in touch with **Kearsney or Samantha.**



Coming Up

Tickets Now On Sale for Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala

A Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala is being planned for **Saturday, January 26, 2013**. 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. 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 greatly 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.

Newsletter

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Call for Performers!!!

Our monthly ceilidhs are back to keep us out of the doldrums during the colder months. 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 this season's ceilidhs:

- October 19
- November 16
- January 11
- February 15
- March 15
- April 19
- May 10

Come out and have fun, meet everybody, and be wildly entertained!



Fit as a...

Did you know that in a report released earlier this year (March 2012) by PEI's chief public-health officer, it found that **"more Islanders are more likely to be obese than Canadian counterparts."** 58 percent of Islanders are classified as overweight or obese compared to the rest of Canada which weighs in at a leaner 52 percent. The report found that Islanders are more likely to be less physically active than other Canadians and have poorer eating habits. It also shows that Islanders have higher instances of not just obesity but asthma, diabetes and cancer than the rest of the country.

What does this have to do with the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada? We can help!

Did you know that a six step fling is the equivalent to running a mile? If that doesn't have your heart racing, did you know that a dancer jumps vertically 192 times while dancing that six step fling? I'm starting to sweat just thinking about it! If a dancer is jumping that many times during the fling, I wouldn't want to count the number of times a Step dancer clicks their heels and toes in any of their dances!

Did you know that a **snare drum** weighs anywhere from 16 to 20 pounds? Imagine carrying that in a long parade with hills! Did you know that the **Highland bagpipe** is one of the most physical instruments to play? Did you know that you have to keep four reeds going in the bagpipes...at once?! All four of our core disciplines are not only physically demanding but mentally as well (which is good to help stave off Alzheimer's disease!). Did you know that all of the piping and drumming music is memorized? Dancers (Highland and Step) have to have their steps memorized?

Did you know that the **Highland dancing** program at the College offers an open class? This class is designed for retired or recreational dancers to stay fit and have some fun in a non competitive atmosphere.

Did you know that the College offers a **fitness class**?

This is a targeted fitness and exercise class designed to improve conditioning for both Highland and Step dancers. The College piping and drumming courses are offered to anyone who wants to learn how to play regardless of age. Once you're on your chosen instrument, come and sweat it out at band practice once a week!

While the College may not seem as conventional as a gym or fitness institution, it offers a lot of courses to promote good health. It's a fun and relaxing atmosphere. What better way to stay in shape than showing off your new moves or technique at a Ceilidh.

We accept registrations all year round. Call or email our wonderful registrar, Jane Magee, NOW!!!