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Season's Greetings!

The team at Special Olympics PEI would like to extend to our many friends a Happy Holidays as you celebrate this season. Please enjoy our [year-in-review video](#) to celebrate 2017's success! While you look back at the memories created this year, we wish you great success in your 2018 goals! May the New Year be filled with many healthy and happy moments for you and those you love!

Holiday Office Hours

Please note the Special Olympics PEI office will be closed from December 21st, 2017 until January 3rd, 2018.



SO Fun Days a GREAT success:

With thousands of smiles, students from the PEI Public Schools Branch across the Island came together for eight different events that focused on trying new sports/activities in an inclusive environment. Leadership students lead activities and supported athletes as they went through a number of stations,

all focusing on different sports skills. **46 schools**

took part with **319 potential athletes** having the opportunity to experience the opportunities Special Olympics can offer. We want to thank each individual who attended and especially the following eight schools who hosted events this year: **Morell Regional High, Montague Intermediate, Hernwood Junior High, Bluefield High, Kensington Intermediate Senior High, Summerside Intermediate, Charlottetown Rural High, Colonel Gray High.**



UPCOMING EVENTS: (Click Link for more info)

- Ongoing - [Kings County Ticket 200 Club Fundraiser](#)
- December 19 - Special Olympics Unified Bocce event hosted by Charlottetown Rural
- December 21 - January 3rd - SOPEI Office Closed
- January 19-20 - SOC Snowshoe Coaching Module
- January 2018 - Central Pancake Breakfast
- February 10 - Big Chill Bowling Competition and Health Promotion Screening @ CUP in Summerside

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

- Athletes Oath

Team PEI Website:

As you are aware, the official training team for SOC National Games and National Bowling Championships in 2018 have been announced and you can now visit the team site to keep up to date on training, events, member information, results, and more! There are many ways you can support this team as they train and prepare for their National Competitions. Please visit www.specialolympics.ca/TeamPEI2018 to learn more!



Coach Education: There are a number of upcoming Coach Education opportunities happening this Fall/Winter. Please check out the long list of available courses and resources on our [website](#).

LETR Puck Drop:

It was another great event for the PEI Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. On December 9th, the fundraising team hosted a Puck drop during the Charlottetown Islanders hockey game that raised **over \$500!** **Colton Matheson**, kings county powerlifting and golf athlete, also lead the singing of O Canada. The Torch Run is an international initiative that began in 1981 when a run between Topeka and Kansas City raised over \$15,000 in support of Special Olympics. Since that time, the Torch Run has spread to over 20 countries involving over 50,000 law enforcement officers from a variety of policing agencies, raising over \$7 million worldwide. In PEI, every year law enforcement personnel from across the province take to the highways for a series of annual fundraisers, such as the Puck Drop, that benefit Special Olympics PEI. Their next event will be the annual Polar Plunge that will happen in April 2018!

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Alyssa Chapman and Janet Charchuk with SOPEI staff at the Team Canada Tribute—Ottawa



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