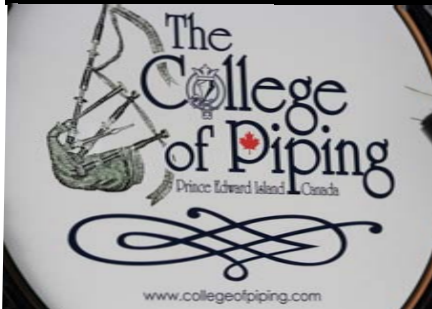


the Celtic Connection

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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.

Christmas Recital

Our highland and step dancers, pipers, drummers and pipe bands are busy practicing for the Christmas Recital on **December 15th at 2:00 pm** which is being held at the Summerside Intermediate School on Summer Street in Summerside. Admission is free but The College of Piping is asking for your assistance in supporting the Salvation Army Food Bank. We would be extremely pleased if you brought along an item of food as the price of admission. 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! Students who will be performing are asked to arrive at 1:30 pm.



John Gracie Concert

Mark your calendar! John Gracie will be performing at Trinity United Church on **Saturday, December 7th**. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from any of our College of Piping Pipe Band members or The College office. 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!



Registration Payments

Tuition for classes must be paid in full by **December 13, 2013**. Payments can be made by Debit, Visa, MasterCard, Cash or Cheque. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our registrar, Jane Magee, at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com or by calling 436-5377. Once registered, no refunds will be issued if a student decides to withdraw from the program for any reason.

20% off in the Gift Shop



Students of The College of Piping receive 20% off all merchandise in The College gift shop. The only exceptions are practice chanters, drum pads and sticks and the Great Scott CD. This is great news if you are doing Christmas shopping or looking for something for any occasion! We have just received a shipment of piping and drumming cds and our piping supplies have been replenished so all of your pipe maintenance needs can be met. Now there is no excuse for a poorly maintained instrument! College of Piping sweatshirts, sweatpants, youth hoodies and t-shirts have arrived for all of those fashionistas in your family. We have something for everyone! If you can't make it to The College, there is no need to fret as our College apparel will be available at the Christmas Recital. If you have any questions or are looking for something in particular please let Jane know by calling 902-436-5377 or by emailing her at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com.

Instructors for 2013/2014 year

James MacHattie –
Director of Education

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

Dance

Kearsney Smith – Highland
Brittany Banks–Step(Lead)
Mikaila Murray-Step (Instructor)

Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping and drumming. Please contact our registrar, Jane Magee, 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 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

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>

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.

Tickets for Highland STORM

the all new 2014 Highland Storm production are available from Box Office PEI! These would make wonderful gifts for the holidays for all the music and dance lovers you know or that hard to buy for person in your life. Go to www.boxofficepei.com and then pick The College of Piping from the venues drop down menu. **Performances this year will be 4 nights a week in July and 3 nights the first week of August.** The last performance of Highland Storm for 2014 will be on August 6th.

Thank You

A big thank you to Elaine Lyon, our custodian, for the beautiful job she has done getting The College decorated for Christmas. Everything looks very festive and it has really put everyone in the holiday spirit!



Dance Company News!

Congratulations to all of those Highland and Step Dancers who made the high cut, er, shuffle, er, I mean cut for The College of Piping Dance Company! These lucky 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 pre-premier team competitions. Well done to: Allanna Lee Dalziel, Shelby Lynne Dalziel, Siobhan Doyle, Shakira Gallant, Laura Johnston, Morgana Lockhart, Brae Myers, Briana Pineau, Sherra Rogers, Kearsney Smith, Alysha Trenholm, Mikaila Murray, Sherra Rogers, Callie Campbell, Sophie Toole, Alyssa Howes, Robert Larsen and MacKenzie Stewart. What a list of talented dancers! We can't wait to see what high calibre dancing the College of Piping Dance Company has in store! Congratulations!!!



The College of Piping Pipe Bands are raffling off a grand prize of two tickets

to travel with the Grade 3 and 4 bands as they make the trek across the pond to compete in the world's largest and most prestigious pipe band competition in **August 2014** in Glasgow, Scotland. There are over 25 additional prizes as well. Mini

vacations, dinners for two and much, much more! **Tickets are \$20/ticket or \$50/3 tickets.** The draw will take place on March 15th at the Silver Fox Curling and Yacht Club. You can get the tickets from any College of Piping Pipe Band member or The College office.

Tickets Now On Sale for Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala

A Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala is being planned for **Saturday, January 25, 2014.** 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 the extremely talented 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 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.





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
- Summerside Shell Station
- Wilson Gas, Summerside
- Reids Corner Esso, Summerside
- Granville Street Esso, Summerside
- Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, Summerside
- Griffins Smoke Shop, Sobeyes, Summerside
- Lights Smoke Shop, Summerside
- Summerside Butcher Shop
- Water Street Bakery, Summerside
- Dunn's Variety

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.



PONTIAC BUICK CHEVROLET GMC Ltd. Fundraiser

Hemphill Chevrolet Buick GMC has entered into a partnership with The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada's fundraising efforts to donate \$100 for every new or used vehicle that is either purchased or leased at the dealership, by friends and families of students and alumni of The College

of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada. So if you plan to obtain a vehicle, visit Hemphill GM, and take the coupon with you. Purchase or lease a new or used retail vehicle. Present the coupon, with your name and address on it, to the salesperson. Hemphill GM will take care of it from there, and considers the \$100 as an advertising expense. All donors' names will be recognized through The College of Piping's website and monthly newsletter.

The only requirement to take advantage of this offer is that the friend or family member of a student or alumni presents the coupon at time of purchase. Hemphill GM is supporting The College of Piping and, through this partnership, asks for an opportunity to earn your business. Extra coupons can be picked up from Jane in the gift shop at the College of Piping. Please note that this promotion expires on 08/30/2014.

The Board of Directors, management, faculty and staff of the College of Piping wishes to thank Hemphill Chevrolet Buick GMC for making this promotion possible and encourages all supporters of College students and alumni to take advantage of the opportunity. Every little bit helps in our objective to continuing the pursuit of our mission statement – "Inspiring Excellence in Celtic Performing Arts through quality educational programming".

New Drumming Opportunities



We have enhanced our Skype teaching by adding drumming lessons! Look on our website for the new banner and all the information on this fantastic opportunity. You can also call Jane at 436-5377 or email her at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com.

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 break. Doug and Debbie Hall generously cover the tuition for piping and drumming students under the Hall Scholarship program. Please let them know 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 we need to let them know how much we appreciate their thoughtfulness.



Snow, Wind, Ice, Sleet, Freezing Rain – Winter Weather


In case of bad weather please make sure that 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.**

Hire a Piper

If you are looking for a piper and/or drummer to play at an event you are having, The College can help you out. We have a Hire a Piper program that allows you to hire a piper or drummer by the hour. They will come dressed in full outfit to your venue and play. They will pipe in a head table, play for a birthday or anniversary or lead a wedding party down the aisle. They have played for royalty and are interested in playing for you. All the pipers and drummers that are eligible to play for this program have been vetted by our Director of Education and play at a high standard. If you have an event coming up or would like to know more, get in touch with Jane at 436-5377 or e-mail her at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com



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.

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.

Gift Giving Ideas for



Birthdays, holidays or just-because!



A number for the 50/50 Draw



Summer School Gift Certificate



Tickets for the Gathering



Tickets for Highland Storm



A Celtic gift from the Gift Shop



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Newsletter

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Parents

When you are waiting for your class to begin or waiting for your child to finish her/his class, please keep in mind that there are other students in classes. Extra noise or running around makes it difficult for students 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.

25th Anniversary and Homecoming 2014 Summerside Highland Gathering.

To get ready for these celebrations we are trying to get in touch with as many former College of Piping alumni as possible. If you studied here, volunteered at any of the activities, took lessons, were part

of a tour, or performed at any of the venues, we would like to get in touch. If you are one of these folk, or if you know of someone who is, please get in touch with Jane and she will make sure you are kept up-to-date. This is a huge project since thousands of people have come through the doors of The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada. Any assistance you can give in getting in touch with people would be much appreciated. Call 436-5377 or e-mail jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com for more details.



Holidays

The College of Piping will be closed over the Christmas holidays. Classes resume on **Monday, January 6th**. The gift shop will close for the holidays on December 20th at 5:00pm and re-open on January 6th at 9am.

The staff and instructors at the College of Piping wish you a Christmas filled with peace, joy and friendship.



See you in the New Year.

Karen, James, Chris, Kylie, Kearsney, Brittany,

Sam, Elaine, Nancy and Jane