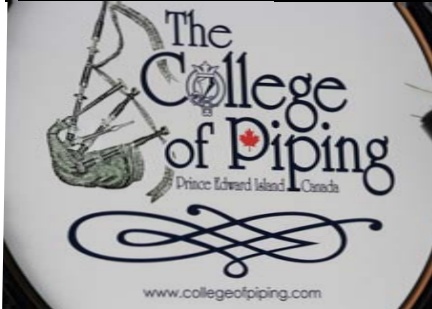


# the Celtic Connection

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](http://www.collegeofpiping.com)

The College website is a fantastic 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.

## Good news!!

We will be pre-selling Chase the Ace tickets through the office at The College of Piping on weekdays, during operating hours and until 4pm on Fridays. You still need to be at the Oval on Friday evening when the draw is made at 7pm (or send a designate) in order to win if your ticket is drawn. If you are wishing to purchase tickets at the office, we accept cash purchases only.

## Volunteers Needed for Chase the Ace Fundraiser

We are looking for volunteers to help us with our Chase the Ace fundraising initiative. It is a fun time to get out of the house on Fridays and as it grows, we will be needing more assistance from our volunteers!

Here are the details:

Day: Fridays

Time: 4:30pm – 7:15pm

Where: The Oval at Red Shores – Part of the Credit Union Place complex, facing the race track

Volunteers: 5 total – 2 to be over 19 years of age

Both the Pipe Bands and the Dancers receive part of the money that is raised, so it's a great opportunity to support our students and the operation of The College of Piping.

If you are interested in volunteering for Chase the Ace, please contact Sue at 902-436-5377 or

[sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com) and let us know what date you'd like to volunteer!

Thanks in advance for your support and your time, we couldn't do it without you!!



## Update

It's February...do you need to find a Valentine's Day gift for that special someone? Are you starting to think about your graduating student? The Gift Shop has great College of Piping items for every occasion! I'm just in the process of putting together spring orders for gift shop items, so look forward to seeing some new items and colours as we get closer to summer!

If you need something special, let me know, I will do my best to order it in for you. Contact Sue McGiveron at 902-436-5377 or [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com)

## Instructors for 2014/2015 year

James MacHattie –  
Director of Education

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

### Dance

Kearsney Smith – Highland  
Chelsey Sanderson–Step(Lead)  
Mikaila Murray-Step (Instructor)

## Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping and drumming. Please contact our director of Education, James MacHattie, 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 Karen Hatcher, Executive Director or James MacHattie, Director of Education. They can be reached at 436-5377 or e-mailed at [karen.hatcher@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:karen.hatcher@collegeofpiping.com) or [james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:james.machattie@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>

## February FundScrip Order



FundScrip is the simplest fundraiser ever! You don't need to buy things you won't use, you buy gift cards from us for the places you shop or dine at on a regular basis. Superstore, Sobeys, M & M Meats, gas stations, restaurants like Boston Pizza, Swiss Chalet, Subway and Starbucks. Retailers like Indigo, Gap/Old Navy, Cineplex, Home Depot, Running Room and

Shoppers Drug Mart, are also involved (just to name a few). Instead of using your debit card to buy your groceries or gas, buy a gift card from us and you get a full value gift card, but you have just helped the College of Piping raise some much needed funds! This can be done via our group orders or online and have it shipped to your mailbox.

Our next group order goes in on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am and the cards should be here by March 3<sup>rd</sup> (it doesn't take long for them to reach us!).

February Promotions are:

Roots – 14% (regular 10%)

The Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic – 7% (regular 5%)

la Vie en Rose – 11% (regular 8%)

It doesn't seem like much on an individual basis, but if a lot of people purchase, it all adds up! Please help support the College of Piping in this way, it really is the most pain free fundraiser ever! For more information or to have forms emailed to you, please contact Sue McGiveron at 902-436-5377 or [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com)

**FundScrip**  
powered by Fundstream Inc.  
**Where shopping  
is fundraising!**

## Summer School

Tired of winter yet? Well then, sign up for one of the weeklong summer school sessions offered through most of July and August here at The College! Regular piping and drumming summer programs run from the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> (the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> is already full!) through the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>, and regular dancing programs run the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> through the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>. And the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> is Introduction to Dance Week, for those who do not have dance experience but would like to give it a try! All the details are available here: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/summer.php>.



## BRAND NEW SUMMER SCHOOL

### The Summerside

### Piping and Drumming School 2015

The College and the National Piping Centre in Glasgow have created a new partnership! We will be running a piping and drumming school here at The College for a week in July, starting the afternoon of Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> and finishing on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Instructors from Scotland, including the one and only Roddy MacLeod, Principal of the Piping Centre, will come to Summerside to join Chris, Kylie and James to create the teaching faculty. There will be three classes per day, workshops and evening events. Keep an eye on our website for registration details. Registration will go through <http://www.thepipingcentre.co.uk/bagpipe-drumming-schools/p-e-i-summerside-2015/> and should open very soon. Pipers and drummers should not miss this privileged opportunity!



## 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
- **Wilson Gas**, Summerside
- **Reids Corner Esso**, Summerside
- **Granville Street Esso**, Summerside
- **Griffins Smoke Shop**, Sobeys, Summerside
- **Lights Smoke Shop**, Summerside
- **Summerside Butcher Shop**
- **Water Street Bakery**, Summerside
- **Slemon Park Variety**
- **Credit Union Place**, Summerside
- **Needs Convenience**, Water St. 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.

## The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Post-Secondary Scholarship

### Purpose

The purpose of The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Post Secondary Scholarship is to financially support the post-secondary learning endeavors of a graduating high school student who is registered at The College of Piping & Celtic Performing Arts of Canada. Awarding of this scholarship shall help to preserve the unique traditions and skills associated with performing the historic Scottish arts and to provide funding for continued study and development. One \$1,000.00 non-renewable scholarship is available to a graduate of any of the 11 high schools on Prince Edward Island.

### Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a registered student of The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada
- Applicants must have proof of acceptance at a recognized Canadian university or college
- Consideration will be given to extra-curricular involvement, leadership roles and education plans
- Consideration will be given for community volunteerism
- Short essay stating your educational plans and why you should be considered for The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Scholarship
- Demonstrate a commitment to learning and show excellence, or the potential for excellence, in their chosen College of Piping discipline

### Application Requirements

Applicants must send the following, in addition to a submission letter:

-A letter of recommendation from their current instructor (should outline the applicant's skill level, frequency of instruction, progress made thus far, commitment, demonstrated proficiency, and anticipated development)

All awarded monies will be sent directly from The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada to the applicant's accepted university or college. No payments will be made directly to the applicant.

Completed applications should be delivered by April 1, 2015 to:  
Karen Hatcher

Executive Director

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada

Suggested requirements of submission letter:

-Name, address, phone number and email address

-Instructor's name

-Short essay (no more than 500 words) in which the applicant introduces themselves to the committee (their background in their College of Piping discipline, personal accomplishments, future goals, extra-curricular involvement, volunteerism, etc.) and identifies how the funding will benefit.

## Important College Dates

**March break is the 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**, and there are no classes, band practices or dance company rehearsals at The College.

**The last day of classes is June 12<sup>th</sup>**, and the

**Year End Recital is June 14<sup>th</sup>** at The College.

## 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 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



Gift certificate from the gift store



Tickets for Highland Storm



A Celtic gift from the Gift Shop

### Newsletter

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## Travel Raffle Fundraiser

Have the winter blahs gotten you down?! Why not purchase a ticket(s!) for the The College of Piping Pipe Bands "Win a \$2,500 Travel Voucher" fundraiser.

The major prize for this event will be a travel voucher in the amount of \$2,500. In addition to this grand prize there will be 10 additional prizes drawn at an event that will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada. The draw event starts at 7pm and you do not have to be in attendance to win. The winner of the super grand prize must provide their own travel insurance. All proceeds are in support of The College of Piping Pipe Bands and their trip to the North American Championships to be held in Maxville, Ontario on August 1, 2015. Tickets are 1 for \$20.00, 3 for \$50.00 or 6 for \$100.00. Besides the grand prize there are other prizes to be won! Mini vacations, dinners and Highland Storm tickets! Don't miss out! Please see any College of Piping pipe band member to purchase a ticket (or tickets!) or you can call or email The College to get yours now!



## 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](http://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!

