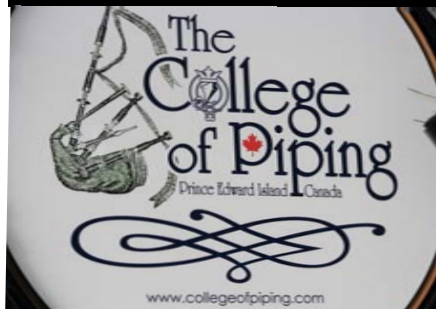


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The **College website** is a wonderful source of information on the College of Piping and its activities. You will find up to date information on the blog, access to our Facebook page and Twitter account, pictures of events at The College and at events 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.**

highland GATHERING

JUNE 28,29,30

June is here which means that so is the Summerside Highland Gathering!

All the practicing, the cleaning, the yard work, the stage rebuilding, the list making, the extensive and thorough preparation and the sleepless nights will be a thing of the past and the 2013 Summerside Highland Gathering will be underway! Before that happens though there is still one thing we need to finish taking care of – getting more VOLUNTEERS!

Some generous people have already signed up and we really appreciate the help we are getting but we still need people! If you fill a minimum 4 hour shift you will receive a weekend pass to The Gathering. There will be an information session on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30pm to let you know just what you will be doing. You'll also receive your very fashionable volunteer t-shirt! Check out our website for all the scheduled activities.

There will be vendors, children's activities, food services and lots more – plus, of course, world class music and dancing. The step dance competition will take place on Friday during the day and then in the evening there is the premier performance of Highland Storm's brand new production for 2013. Afterwards, and on Saturday evening, there will be entertainment in the beer tent. Saturday will be a full day of competitions (highland dance, piping, drumming and pipe bands...phew!) while Sunday will feature performances by our bands, heavy event displays, more highland dance competitions and Celtic Idol. There is something for everyone! Don't miss out!

Run To Scotland



Come to the College of Piping on **June 2nd** and help support the dancers as they raise funds to go to the ScotDance Canada Championships in Montreal this July. There will be a 5km and a 10 km run on the Confederation Trail which is located just behind The College. Registration is \$10.00 on the day of the run. Start time is 5:00 pm. On your mark, get set and register NOW!

Volunteer Orientation Meeting June 3, 6:30 pm

All volunteers for the Highland Gathering and Highland Storm are asked to meet in the main hall at the College of Piping to go over your duties and responsibilities. You will be able to pick up your coveted volunteer t-shirt at this time. Thank you so much for your help as we couldn't do this without you!

Field Clean Up

The amphitheatre stage has been torn up and a new one put down, gravel has been delivered and distributed and the Highland Storm set has been put up. Phew! That's a lot already done...but there's more on the list! June 1st and June 8th have been scheduled as official field clean up days. The jobs that will need to get done are as follows:

Half shell assembled in field

Cut back bush

Raking

Lawn mowing

Lots more raking

Lots more lawn mowing

Sides put on theatre

Sides put on theatre

Clean out buildings



Depending on light and sound equipment, benches put back in place

Everyone is welcome! The more the merrier!

Instructors for 2012/2013 year

James MacHattie –
Director of Education

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

Dance

Kearsney Smith – Highland
Brittany Banks–Step(Lead)
Rebecca Dawson – Step
Shanae Rogers – Step

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

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>

Homecoming 2014

The College of Piping Homecoming

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 either Kristen or Jane and they 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. Any assistance you can give in getting in touch with people would be very much appreciated. Call 436-5377 and ask for Kristen or e-mail jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com for more details.

Concession Stand

at Highland Gathering

A fundraiser for the pipe bands will be the food concession stand at the Highland Gathering. All parents of band members are asked to take a shift some time over the Highland Gathering weekend. Please get in touch with Vera MacLean and she will add you to the list. The earlier you get in touch with her, the closer to your requested time you'll get. These are short shifts and a great way to get to know other band parents, so sign up soon.

New Drumming Opportunities

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



Three Oaks Reunion

The Three Oaks Senior High Class of 1983 is invited to the Summerside Highland Gathering to celebrate 30 years!!! The entire class of '83 is invited to a special night in the beer tent on Saturday, June 29th at the Summerside Highland Gathering with featured entertainment by Fiddlers' Sons, Celtic Rant, Ryan, Lisa and Boyd MacNeil and Sprag Session. Identify yourself in the 1983 yearbook for entrance for you and your guest to the event!



Early Registration for the Fall

We are encouraging all our students who are planning to continue their piping, drumming and/or dance classes to register early. In the past we have had registration start in the summer and this has been a frustrating experience for some parents as they try to schedule their children's activities. Please get in touch with our Registrar, Jane Magee, and she will be able to get your registration process started. You can reach Jane at 436-5377 or e-mail her at: jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com

Up-coming Dance Committee Fundraisers

June 2	Run to Montreal
June 4	Spaghetti Supper at the Superstore
June 16	Draw for Summer Lovin' Trunk
Ongoing	Bottle Recycle at Don's Bottle Exchange

Maritime Highland Games Schedule:

June 22	Moncton Highland Games
June 28-30	Summerside Highland Gathering
July 1	Pugwash Highland Games
July 13-14	Antigonish Highland Games
July 20	New Glasgow Highland Games
July 27-28	Fredericton Highland Games



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 on Water St. E
- 2) Wilson's Service Station on Water St E.
- 3) Reid's Corner Esso S'Side
- 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
- 11) Griffins Smoke Shop by Sobey's, Summerside
- 12) Lights Smoke Shop- Granville St., Summerside
- 13) Summerside Butcher Shop
- 14) Water St. Bakery

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.

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.



Year End Recital

On Sunday, June 16th, the year end recital will take place in the amphitheatre at the College of Piping at 2:00pm. What a wonderful time this will be to celebrate our students' achievements this past year. The result of the learning, studying and practicing that has taken place from the past year will be on display. Awards in each discipline will be presented after the final performance. The dance committee will also be drawing for the Summer Lovin' Trunk raffle. Instructors will be giving information to their students about what to wear, what time to be at The College and anything else they will need to know. Everyone is welcome to attend! The more the merrier!

Introduction to Dance Week

There will be an Introduction to Dance Summer School Week this year. It will take place the week of **July 8th**. Dancers ages 4 to 11 are welcome to attend. The schedule will be set up so that children can attend classes in both disciplines. Classes in each discipline will be one hour long Monday to Friday and will include participation in the Mini Concert on Friday. Tuition is \$100.00 for one discipline, \$180.00 if you are attending both disciplines. These classes usually fill up quickly so call Jane at 436-5377 to register.



Piping, Drumming and Dancing Courses at The College of Piping

Piping and Drumming Courses

Piping and Drumming

July 8 to 12
 July 15 to 19
 July 22 to 26
 August 12 to 16
 August 19 to 23
 August 26 to 30

Highland and Step Dance

July 8 to 12 – Introduction to Dance Week
 July 15 to 19
 July 22 to 26
 July 29 to August 2 – Highland only
 August 5 to 9
 August 12 to 16
 August 19 to 23
 August 26 to 30

Summer School

Call or e-mail Jane to register

Piping, Drumming, Highland and Step Dance summer schools will be available the weeks of **July 9th to Aug 26th**. The tuition fee for piping and drumming is \$450 but the tuition fee for College of Piping students is half price at \$225.00!

Highland and step dance summer schools will be available through July and August. Tuition is \$250.00 for dancers with previous experience, \$200.00 for dancers with no previous experience, \$300.00 for a focus on one dance discipline (2 hr/day) and an introduction to the other dance (1 hr/day).

All levels are offered each week in piping, drumming, highland and step dance. Classes are two hours a day with extra practice time strongly encouraged. A typical week includes a mix of theoretical and practical instruction. Classes are tailored to meet the needs of each individual student. For more information on our summer schools please check out the College of Piping website: www.collegeofpiping.com.

There will also be an Introduction to **Dance summer school** week this year. It will take place the week of **July 8th**. Dancers **ages 4 to 11** are welcome to attend. The schedule will be set up so that children can attend classes in both disciplines. Classes in each discipline will be one hour long Monday to Friday and will include participation in the mini concert on Friday. Tuition is \$100.00 for one discipline, \$180.00 if you are attending both disciplines. These classes usually fill up quickly so please call Jane at 436-5377 to register.



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

Now that summer is approaching and more people are coming to the College of Piping we need to remind everyone that there are two handicapped parking spaces in front of the College of Piping. We would ask that you respect these spaces and park in any of the other areas for regular parking north of these spots or in the parking lot across from The College. These two spots are beside the ramp for the convenience of those needing assistance or having difficulty entering the building. Only vehicles with handicapped parking stickers should be parking in these 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

Raffle for a 2013 Jeep Wrangler!!!



We are holding a raffle for a 2013 Jeep Wrangler!!! There will be an Early Bird Draw of \$1,000.00 to be drawn at the Summerside Highland Gathering on **Sunday, June 30, 2013** – this ticket will then be placed back in the draw for the grand prize. The draw date for the Wrangler will be Thursday, August 22, 2013 at an event that will

take place in the Mary Ellen Burns

Amphitheatre at The College of Piping. There will be an elimination draw – first ticket drawn to receive \$1,000.00, every 50th ticket drawn will receive \$100.00, the third last ticket is for \$300.00, second last ticket is \$500.00 and the last ticket drawn receives the Jeep Wrangler. During the elimination draw process, we will be providing entertainment. Tickets are \$100.00 and all proceeds are in support of The College of Piping's educational mission ... "Inspiring excellence in Celtic Performing Arts through quality educational programming."



Let's Win Big!

It is Islander's Choice Awards time of year. Let's get as many people voting for our events as we possibly can. We would qualify in two different categories – one for Highland Storm and one for the Summerside Highland Gathering.

ISLANDERS CHOICE AWARDS



In celebration of Tourism Month, Ocean 100 is looking for the hot spots on Prince Edward Island! We want to hear about PEI's Hidden Treasures! It's the Islander's Choice Awards which are brought to you by Tourism PEI and Ocean 100. By voting in the Islander's Choice Awards, you have a chance to win bragging rights for your community, and we will enter you into a draw for a PEI "staycation" which includes accommodations, entertainment tickets, dining and more!

Here is the link: <http://ocean100.com/index.asp?mn=14&id=10556&cc=9>

**The value of the staycation is not to exceed \$800

Donations to the College of Piping

One of the easy ways to donate to the College of Piping is to use the Canada Helps Website. **CanadaHelps** is a registered charity with a goal to make giving simple. Through CanadaHelps.org, anyone can donate online to any registered Canadian charity. They have proudly facilitated over \$250 million in charitable donations through

their website since it was launched in 2000.

Check our website www.collegeofpiping.com



Keep Informed

You can find out what is going on at The College of Piping in many ways. Kylie updates the blog at least once a week (and remember to look there for storm cancellations), facebook and twitter has up to the minute information, our sign out front tells you what is coming up, we try to keep you in the loop with e-mails, and now there is the column in the Journal Pioneer. Of course you can always call The College 436-5377 or send us an e-mail if you have any questions.

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Don't forget!

Don't forget to check out our photo galleries and competition results page on our website. Now that spring is in full gear and summer is just around the corner, the pages are being updated weekly. Keep up-to-date on what is happening at The College!

Penny Drive

The College is offering to take pennies off of your hands! After February 4th, cash transactions will have to be rounded to the nearest 5¢ increment but electronic transactions will still be calculated down to the individual cent. Finance Minister Flaherty announced in his March 2012 budget that the penny would be phased out, saving taxpayers an estimated \$11-million annually. It costs roughly 1.6¢ to make each penny. We all have pennies sitting on dressers or in drawers, jingling in pockets or falling out of our wallets. Help The College help you by putting your excess pennies in our Penny Banks. At the moment there is one at The College of Piping in Summerside but we hope to have more out and about soon. Remember "every penny counts" as we work to get our deficit down. Thank you very much for your help. It is very much appreciated!



Newsletter

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The College of Piping Pipe Bands Fundraising Concert

On **Sunday, June 9th**, The College's three pipe bands are holding a fundraising concert at the **Carrefour in Charlottetown**. They will be joined by talented musicians such as: Ryan MacNeil, Lucie Bauby, Sabrina Bauby, Trevor Profitt, Brittany Banks and the College of Piping Dance Company! The concert starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from either the Carrefour (368-1895) or from the College of Piping (436-5377). It's a night of entertainment that's not to be missed!



The Highland Gathering is fast approaching and a new contest has caused quite a stir at the College Of Piping: Celtic Idol! Unlike a TV show that we have all heard of, this contest promotes the Celtic Arts. It is chance for people of all ages to strut

their stuff and impress our judging panel: Bob Worrall, Jamie Troy Senior and Kevin "Boomer" Gallant. It also provides a stage for non-professional Celtic enthusiasts of all different talents. The audience can vote for their favorite entertainer for the cost of \$1.00 a vote. First prize is \$500. The judging panel will also decide on the "Most Creative Performer", which has a \$250.00 prize. Bring your bagpipes and fiddles, polish up your dancing shoes and sing us a song that will be heard in the Highlands. Celtic Idol will be fun entertainment for performers and audience alike. See you all on June 30th!

Applications must be received by Friday, June 14, 2013 and space is limited. For more information please visit: www.collegeofpiping.com

Team PEI

It's not always to compete at the best of times and taking time off and then getting back in to the swing of things can be difficult. After a three year hiatus, our very own Highland Dancing instructor, Kearsney Smith, competed at the 2013 Prince Edward Island Closed Selection Competition which was held on May 18th. This was a qualifying event for the 2013 Canadian Championships and was only open to premier highland dancers. Kearsney swept her class with four firsts and will represent PEI and the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada in Montreal in July. **Well done, Kearsney!**



Dates to Remember

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar.

- June 2** Run For Montreal
- June 3** Volunteer Orientation meeting for the Highland Gathering and Highland Storm
- June 9** Pipe Band Fundraising Concert in Charlottetown
- June 15** Moncton Highland Games
- June 16** Celtic Service at Trinity United in Summerside
- June 16** Year End Recital at the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada in Summerside
- June 23** Kirkin O' the Tartans at Summerside Presbyterian Church
- June 28** Highland Storm Opening Night
- June 28-30** Summerside Highland Gathering
- July 2 to 7** ScotDance Canada Championship Series in Montreal
- July 13-14** Antigonish Highland Games
- July 18** Band and Dance Company Fundraising Concert at The College
- July 20** New Glasgow Highland Games
- July 27-28** Fredericton Highland Games
- August 2-3** North American Championships in Maxville, Ontario
- August 22** Draw for the Jeep Wrangler