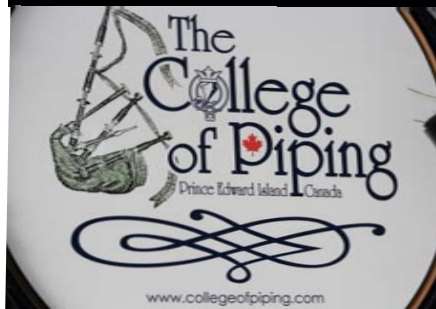


# the Celtic Connection

FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



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Our newsletter is published every month. It is available in hardcopy and on our website:  
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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.



Don't forget that March break is March 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. During this time The College will be open but there are no classes or band practices. We will see all of our students on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> when classes and practices resume on their normal schedule. Piping students please note that your piping classes will still take place during this week as this is when your make up lessons will take place (unless you have made other arrangements) from when Kylie and James were gone.

## Highland Gathering June 27, 28, 29 2014

Circle your calendar for the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> for the Summerside Highland Gathering. Our 2014 Highland Storm and Highland Gathering brochure is out now so stop by The College and pick one up and get all the latest information on two of the island's most anticipated events! The Highland Gathering weekend has something for everything. There will be a top notch step dance competition on the Friday and our 2014 production of Highland Storm will also preview that night and after the show, why not head over to the beer tent to catch the fabulous Ellis Family Band!



Saturday will have solo piping, drumming, band and highland dance competitions, there will be massed bands and a mass fling, the second annual Celtic Idol will take place and Rawlins Cross will rock the beer tent later that evening. Sunday will see the continuation of solo piping, drumming, band and highland dance competitions and another massed band and awards will close off the weekend. There are also activities each day such as merchandise and food vendors, kid's activities and much more! This is not a weekend to be missed! Come and help us celebrate 25 fabulous years!



## ARE NEEDED!

See Highland Storm for free!!!

Free admission to the Highland Gathering!!!

Now that I have your attention, we need volunteers! If you volunteer for a minimum of four hours at The Gathering, you get a weekend pass at no charge to you...plus we'll throw in an extremely stylish volunteer shirt! We also need volunteers for weekend work groups to get The College ready for The Highland Gathering and Highland Storm. These weekend clean up days will take place in May and early June. Jobs will range from getting the roof on the amphitheatre, putting up the Highland Storm set, to preparing the back field. Repairs may need to be made, benches will need to be moved, bushes cut back, picnic tables to be built – there is a long list of things that need to get done. All are welcome – more hands make lighter work! Please call or email The College to sign up at 436-5377 or [info@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:info@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  
Chelsey Sanderson–Step(Lead)  
Mikaila Murray-Step (Instructor)  
Emily Roberts -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>

## Gift Shop

Looking for a specific clan product, a tie, scarf, mug, coaster, book or blanket? If we don't have it in stock we can order it for you! We also have a good selection of College of Piping hoodies (youth and adult), sweatshirts, t-shirts (adult and children's), comfy pajama and sweat pants. This time of year there is the best time to shop as there are fewer crowds. Come in, take your time and see what is available. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm.

## Handicapped Parking

Did you know 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 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 in advance for your cooperation.



Winter may seem like its never ending but now is the perfect time to start signing up for summer school classes. Highland dance, step dance, piping and drumming classes are available. Tuition fee for pipers and drummers is \$450.00. Tuition for College of Piping students is half price and a steal at only \$225.00. Please contact The College for pricing for dancing classes. Students of every level are welcome! Each week is tailored to accommodate your experience and goals. Please contact The College at 436-2557 for more information. Register early to get your choice of dates. The Introduction to Dance Week takes place the week of July 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 The College at 436-5377 to register now!

## H. G. Hardie Chanters

The College of Piping partners with H.G Hardie to stock practice chanters and pipes and pipe chanters and everything for all of your pipe maintenance needs. A selection has just arrived so check out The College gift shop. Come and check out the set of Hardie RHG02 Bagpipes. The Gift Shop is open form 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday or you can call The College at 436-5377 for more information.



Have you ever wondered what it's like to play in a pipe band? Does a trip to Scotland to see the World Pipe Band Championships interest you? Hold on to your hat because we've got a deal for you!

**The College of Piping Pipe Bands are selling tickets on a trip for two to Scotland to travel with them to the World Pipe Band Championships in August.** There are also 25 additional prizes to be won besides the grand prize! Tickets are \$20.00 each, 3 for \$50.00 or 6 for \$100.00. To purchase your tickets please contact any pipe band member or call or visit the College of Piping office for tickets. **The draw will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Fox Curling and Yacht Club.**



## 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.

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



### 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
- Be committed to using potential funding for further academic study

### 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 sent by April 1, 2014 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 and contact information
- Short essay (no more than 500 words) in which the applicant introduces themselves to the committee (indicating their background in their College of Piping discipline, personal accomplishments, future goals, extra-curricular involvement, volunteerism, etc.) and identifies how the funding will be used.

## 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



Tickets for the Gathering



Tickets for Highland Storm



A Celtic gift from the Gift Shop



### Newsletter

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## Performance Opportunities

Spotlight Theatre will be hosting a series of coffee houses at Samuel's beginning in February, and they have extended an invitation to some of our students to perform. The space is limited, so larger dance groups (for example) will not fit, but solo dance would be fine. These will be held on Friday evenings, and if anyone plans to participate please contact Reasha Walsh at [spotlighttheatre.reasha@gmail.com](mailto:spotlighttheatre.reasha@gmail.com) to discuss. If you are unsure whether you are ready to participate or not, your instructor would be happy to talk it through with you!



## Highland STORM Tickets

Tickets for the all new 2014 Highland Storm production and the Highland Gathering are now available from Box Office PEI! Go to [www.boxofficepei.com](http://www.boxofficepei.com) and then select *The College of Piping* from the venues drop down menu. Highland Storm performances this year will be 4 nights a week in July and 3 nights the first week of August. The last performance for 2014 season will be on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Highland Gathering will take place June 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to miss this year's event as it is our Homecoming Year and we have some fabulous events planned that weekend to celebrate 25 fantastic years!

## March 15<sup>th</sup> Scotland Raffle Draw

Join the College of Piping Pipe Bands on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Fox Curling and Yacht Club in Summerside for the grand prize draw for the "Win a Trip for Two to Scotland".



The fun will start at 7pm and if you have purchased a raffle ticket, your entry to the event is free. If you haven't purchased a raffle ticket but would still like to attend, the cost is \$20.00 before the draw and \$10.00 to attend once the draw has finished. There is a first come, first entry to the event as there is a limited capacity. Ten Strings and A Goat Skin will provide the night's entertainment as well as performances from our College of Piping Pipe Bands. Besides the super grand prize, there are an

additional 25 prizes to be won. You do not have to be in attendance to accept your prize but I can't think of a better way to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day weekend!

