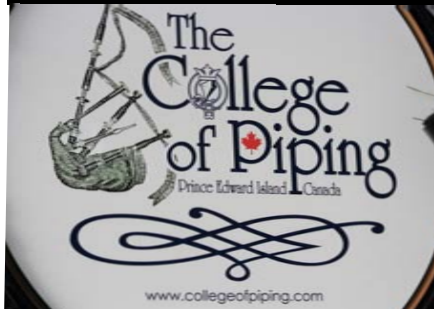


the Celtic Connection

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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 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.

Venue Change for the \$2500 Travel Voucher Draw on March 7th

The College of Piping Pipe Band will be holding a draw for a \$2,500.00 travel voucher on March 7th at *The Silver Fox Yacht and Curling Club*. If you have already purchased your ticket, please note that the draw **will not** be held at The

College of Piping, as was noted on the back of the ticket stubs. The draw will take place at 7:00pm, in conjunction with the Rotary Club Mardi Gras Curling Bonspiel. To gain entrance to the event, simply present your ticket stub at the door. If you wish to buy a ticket, they can be purchased from any member of the Pipe Band or at The College of Piping. Tickets may be purchased at the event, based on availability. For more information, please contact The College of Piping at (902) 436-5377.



Run To London

Have you kept your running up all winter, or are you thinking about lacing up your shoes again soon? Keep in mind that by running in our race (date pending) you can support The College of Piping Highland Dancers' Trip to the 2015 ScotDance Canada Championship Series in London,

Ontario. Keep your eyes open for further announcements and plan to run in our 5k or 10k race! The snow will be gone by then (I'm pretty sure, anyhow!).



Reminder about class schedule changes

Just a reminder that there won't be any classes, dance company, competitive classes or band practices during March Break – March 16 – 20. As well, we will be closed on Good Friday, April 3rd and Easter Monday, April 6th.

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 or 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>

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.

Summer School

Tired of winter yet? Well then, sign up for one of the week long 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 20th (the week of the 13th is already full!) through the week of August 17th, and regular dancing programs run the week of July 20th through the week of August 24th. And the week of July 13th 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 5th and finishing on Friday the 10th. 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!

Highland Storm

It's hard to imagine Highland Storm taking place on the snowy stage but before you know it, Highland Storm season will be upon us! Tickets are now on sale now for this year's all new production of Highland Storm! New songs and new choreography will be a part of this high energy production. To book your tickets, drop by the office or call 1-902-436-5377. For further information on show dates and prices, visit our website at www.collegeofpiping.com. If you have questions, feel free to contact Sue McGiveron at sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com.





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.