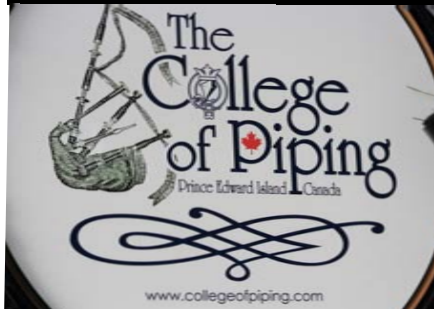


# the Celtic Connection

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 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.**



## No classes on Nov 11

There will be no classes on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes for the rest of the week will be at their normal times. Let's remember with respect all the veterans who have fought and those who have died with the Canadian Armed Forces. Please try to attend a church service or gather at your local cenotaph and remember with our veterans the sacrifices that have been made.



Our ceilidhs are back to keep our toes tapping during the colder months. These ceilidhs were created to provide a venue for every single student of The College to get a chance to perform and show off what they've learned in their classes, either as individuals or in groups. Even if you only just started in September, you can still perform! If you would like to perform,

please let your instructor know. **Dates for this season's ceilidhs are November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 and February 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.** If you would like to come to the Ceilidh arrive at The College of Piping by 7 pm. The cost of admission is \$5.00 per person but there are FREE snacks and non-alcoholic beverages once inside. Come out, meet new people and have a great time!

## Christmas Recital

It's that time of year again...can you believe it?! It's time to start thinking about the Christmas recital. Please circle the date of December 15<sup>th</sup>! The recital will be held at the Summerside Intermediate School on Summer Street in Summerside. The festivities will start at 2pm sharp. Admission is free but the College of Piping is asking for your assistance in supporting the Salvation Army Food Bank. Please bring 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. Students who will be performing are asked to arrive at 1:30 pm. Please check with your instructor about appropriate attire.



## 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](mailto:james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com) or [jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com)

## Competitions and Photos

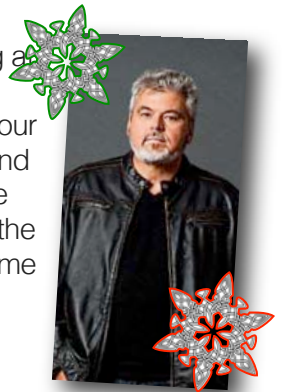
Please check the College of Piping website for the most up-to-date results from the summer competitions. These can be found at: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/competitionresults.php>. You can also find the most up-to-date photos from all of our various competitions, fundraisers and events. These can 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.

## John Gracie Concert

Mark your calendar! John Gracie will be performing at Trinity United Church on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available from any of our College of Piping Pipe Band members. 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! Watch the blog for when tickets become available. It's an evening not to be missed!



## Dance Group



Dance Company

Are you interested in joining the Dance Company? Chat to your instructors about what this might include. 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. Certain criteria must be met and dancers must be 9 years or older by

December 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, get in touch with Kearsney or Brittany.

## Trip to Scotland and other great prizes

Have you ever wanted to travel with a pipe band and see what it takes to compete at the World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland?! Now is your chance and it's not just with one pipe band but two! 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 per ticket or \$50 for 3 tickets. **The draw will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Silver Fox Curling and Yacht Club. These are from any College of Piping Pipe Band member or The College office.



## Summerside Butcher Shop Meat Fundraiser

The College of Piping Pipe Bands are having a meat fundraiser which is generously sponsored by the Summerside Butcher Shop (sorry vegetarians). There are some non-animal products available to purchase in the way of fruit pies (and who doesn't love pie?!). Here is the complete list of products available for purchase:

- 3 kg IQF Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts \$25.00
- 1.5 kg bag of big crunch chicken breast burgers \$20.00
- 5 lbs store made medium ground beef patties \$20.00
- 4 pcs – 5 oz marinated steaks (Montreal) \$20.00
- 4 pcs – 8 oz Strip Loin Steaks \$25.00
- 8 pcs – 4 oz Pork Chops \$15.00
- 1.5 kg, pre cooked hot chicken wings \$20.00
- 1.5 kg pre cooked mild chicken wings \$20.00
- 9 inch pork and chicken meat pie \$10.00
- 9 inch Apple pie \$5.00
- 9 inch strawberry/rhubarb pie \$5.00

See any College of Piping Pipe Band member to place your order. Orders need to be received no later than November 14<sup>th</sup> and will then be delivered to The College on November 23<sup>rd</sup> (at noon). Start your holiday feast shopping early!



## 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, Sobey's, 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.

## Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala

Circle the date! Our third annual Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala is **Saturday, January 25, 2014**. The reception will begin at 6:30pm with a traditional roast beef dinner at 7:00pm.

Entertainment will be provided by the faculty and extremely talented students of the College of Piping. Tickets are \$100.00 per person with a \$75.00 tax receipt. There is limited seating available so get your tickets early! A complimentary shuttle service from Charlottetown to Summerside (and return) is available. Start brushing up on your Robbie Burns poetry and do not miss out on a fantastic fundraiser for the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada!



## 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com) for more details.



## 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](mailto: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 recital. Doug and Debbie Hall generously cover the tuition for piping and drumming students under the Hall Pipe Band Scholarship program. Please tell them 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.



## 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 get in touch with Jane at [jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com) or by calling 436-5377. Once registered, no refund will be issued if a student decides to withdraw from the program for any reason.

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

In case of bad weather make sure 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.



## 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

## Red Sands Photo Club Exhibition

Exhibit runs until Nov 20th. Our own Susan Topping will have entries in the exhibit. Come and bring your family!

## Annual General Meeting

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada General Meeting is **Tuesday, November 26th, 2013 in the main hall at 3:00pm** All are welcome to attend.

### Newsletter

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## Hire a Piper or a Drummer!



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](mailto:jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com).

## 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.

## Pipe, Drum and Uniform Deposits

College of Piping students who have College pipes, drums or a band uniform must pay deposits on those items. Once the instrument or uniform is returned and checked over, your deposit will be returned to you. All College uniform pieces (kilt, tie, jacket and vest) need to be dry cleaned before they are returned. If they haven't been properly cleaned, a portion of the deposit will be held back. The amount of the deposits will be small in relation to the value of the instrument and are as follows:

Bagpipes/Chanter: \$100.00 Drums/Carriers: \$50.00 Uniforms: \$75.00

**\*\*NOTE:** For drummers: There is regular wear and tear on drums (snare heads can break, etc.), so don't think that a broken drum head from regular wear/age will void your deposit. It happens. Chris, and Sam will know if any problems arose from poor care of the instrument (stored next to a heater/cold area, drum was dropped, given a bath, etc.), so be sensible with your instrument and it will be fine.

## Hall Pipe Band Scholarship Changes

There have been some changes to the Hall Pipe Band Scholarship at the request of Doug and Debbie. To remain enrolled in the scholarship, students are required to:

- Enter the pipe band when their instructor feels they are ready.
- Commit to regular practice at home throughout the year.
- Attend every class/rehearsal unless a reasonable reason is given in advance for absence.
- Participate in 2 fundraisers per year: one for The College and one for the Pipe Bands. Band members are required to participate in all fundraisers.
- Write a thank you letter to Doug & Debbie Hall – must be delivered to The College by the Christmas recital of each year (this year's recital is on December 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Demonstrate progress in ability and understanding of their discipline.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to your piping or drumming instructor.

## And finally...

The pipe band world can be a strange and bizarre place for those parents who are wondering what it's all about. Or maybe you've just joined one of the College pipe bands and have no clue what you're in for. The editor of the pipes|drums website has an extremely well written article on what that world is really like. To read it, please follow this link: <http://blogpipe-pipesdrums.com/for-the-parents/>. Happy reading!

**PS:** Did you notice the Annual General meeting info in the side bar?