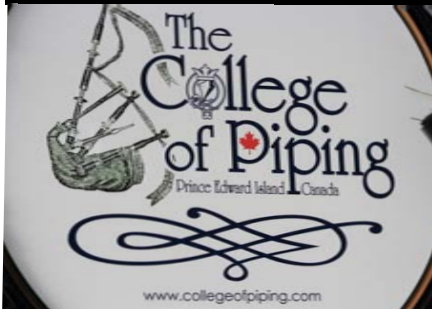


the Celtic Connection

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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 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.**



There will be no classes on Monday, November 11th in Charlottetown or Summerside. Classes for the rest of the week will be at their regular times. If you can, please try to attend a Remembrance Day Service. Let us remember with great respect and pride all of the veterans who have fought and those who have died with the Canadian Armed Forces.

Thank you!

A massive thank you to our fantastic custodian, Elaine Lyon, for the fabulous job she has done with the shrubs and flowers this year.

Her drum flower pots have been show stoppers on the front steps and they've received countless compliments.



Competition Results

Check out The College's website for the most up-to-date results from the spring, summer and fall 2013 competition season. Our College dancers, pipers, drummers and bands have represented themselves and The College extremely well this past year. To find the results page, please follow this link: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/competitionresults.php>.

Photo Gallery

While you're perusing the results page on the website, why not stop by the photo gallery page (<http://www.collegeofpiping.com/photogalleries.php>) and check out all the photos from the past summer. There are photos of competitions, fundraisers (band, dance and College), Highland Storm, concerts and much more! Check out what our students, staff and volunteers have been up to! A huge thank you to all of those who have submitted photos for the website but an even bigger thank you to Susan Topping for taking the bulk of the photos that are up there. Not only has she taken most of the photos but she has sorted, edited and selected the best ones. She does this on a volunteer basis and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

College Hours

The tourist season may be over but The College is open for business! Tuesday through Thursday our front desk and gift shop are open from 9am to 9pm, Monday's hours are 9am to 8pm and Friday 9am to 5pm. During these times we are able to accept registration sheets, payments and we can also assist you in the gift shop.

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 Murry-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 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>

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.

You are invited to our third annual
Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala
Saturday, January 25, 2014.

reception at 6:30pm
traditional roast beef dinner at 7:00pm.
Entertainment will be provided by the faculty
and students of the College of Piping.

Tickets are \$100.00/person
with a \$75.00 tax receipt.

Limited seating available - get your tickets early!
Do not miss out on a fantastic fundraiser for the
College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada
A complimentary shuttle service from Charlottetown to
Summerside (and return) is available.

Tickets
Now On
Sale
for
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Circle the
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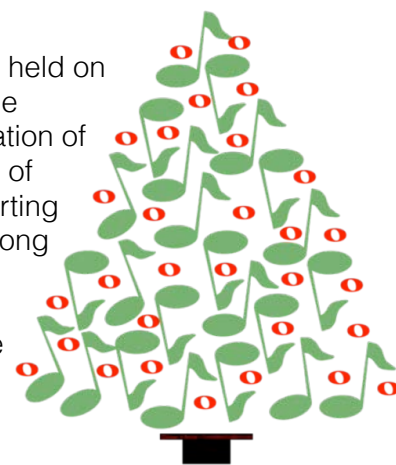


Hall Pipe Band Scholarship Thank You Letters

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 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.

Christmas Recital

Save the date! The Christmas Recital will be held on **December 15th**. Keep your eyes peeled to the newsletter and blog for details about the location of the recital. Admission is free but the College of Piping is asking for your assistance in supporting the Salvation Army Food Bank by bringing along a non perishable food item in lieu of an admission charge. A goodwill offering/donation would be greatly appreciated at the recital with proceeds going to the operations of The College.



John Gracie Concert

Circle the date of **December 7th**! Join the College of Piping Pipe Bands at Trinity United Church in Summerside for an evening of classic caroling and Christmas tales with John Gracie. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available soon from any College of Piping pipe band members or directly from the College (436-5377). It promises to put even the biggest Grinch in the holiday spirit! John Gracie will be bringing his seasonal music to Summerside for his third Christmas Concert in support of our pipe bands. See you there!



When you are waiting for your class to begin or waiting for your child to finish his/her 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.



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
- Bouchers Value Mart

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.

It's never too late!

It is never too late to learn!

Adult instruction is available in all our disciplines and our instructors welcome you to register for introductory or refresher classes. Physical and mental exercise keeps your body in shape and your mind sharp.

Dance Company



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 31st.

College of Piping Apparel

Are you looking for birthday or Christmas gifts? We have adult and youth hoodies in a variety of colours and sizes, dorm pants, sweat pants and t-shirts with the College of Piping logo. These are top quality items and would make perfect gifts for family and friends or a treat for you! Come in to The College and have a look!

Order Your Official
Apparel Online!



click here

Registration Payments

Tuition for classes can be paid in full upon registration or at first class. The registration can also be paid in two equal installments. The first payment can be made upon registration or at first class and the second payment must be made on or before December 13th.

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 or by calling 436-5377. Once registered, no refund will be issued if a student decides to withdraw from the program for any reason. If you have any questions give Jane a call at 436-5377 or e-mail her at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com.

Snow, Wind, Ice, Sleet, Freezing Rain - Storms

Not that we want to be thinking about this but the winter months are not that far off. In case of a storm please make sure you check The College of Piping blog at 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.




Ryan MacNeil

You may have noticed a certain member of The Barra MacNeils around the College the past couple of years. You may have even noticed that he was the Artistic Director of our summer production Highland Storm. But, have you noticed that he is now on the staff of Hemphill GM? That's right! Our very own Ryan MacNeil is their newest car salesman! If you're feeling like it's time to trade in your wheels, or that it's time to take out a truck for a test drive, or even just to say hi to a familiar face, pop in to see Ryan. Who knows? He may even play his pipes, or step dance, or sing...or all of the above!



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

Oct 20-Opening at 2:00pm (refreshments on opening day) Exhibit runs until Nov 20th. Our own Susan Topping will have entries in the exhibit. Come and bring your family!

Newsletter

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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/Chanters: \$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.

Call for Performers!!!

Our ceilidhs are back to keep us out of the doldrums 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 instructors know. Here are the dates for this season's ceilidhs: November 23rd, 2013, February 22nd, 2014 and April 12th, 2014. Come out and have fun, meet everybody, and be wildly entertained!

Win a trip for 2 to Scotland!



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/ticket or \$50/3 tickets. These will be available soon from any College of Piping Pipe Band member. Watch the blog and this space for when they are available for purchase! Support your local pipe bands!

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 15th)
- 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.