

# The Community Music School at Southwestern College

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Dear friends and musicians,

Welcome back from summer! We hope you had a wonderful vacation break and that all of your practicing went well. The CMS has had some new changes throughout this summer vacation that are all highlighted in this newsletter. We are very proud of the direction that the CMS, JourneyKids Choir, and Southwestern College Choral Union are going this year and we are excited to have all of you on board. Thank you for your support of our teachers and students and let's all have a wonderful year full of music and memories!

Brandi Young, Business Administrator & Director

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## Change in Leadership



Coming up on the 2017-2018 school year, we wanted to make you aware of a change in leadership at the CMS. Dylan Moore has accepted a K-12 instrumental/vocal music teaching position in Dexter, Kansas and is very excited for this opportunity. Under Dylan's direction, the CMS facilities were renovated and organized, he strengthened the private teaching

standards, he ran the Pedagogy Forum, taught voice and piano lessons, produced and was our leading gentleman in the opera, *The Sorcerer* that premiered at SC in March 2017, collaborated with and strengthened the relationship with the Winfield Public Library and Winfield Arts and Humanities, and applied for grants that helped the CMS purchase new music. Our new Executive Director of the CMS is Brandi Young. Brandi is finishing her MBA at Southwestern and worked as the Marketing Intern for the CMS last year. The CMS hopes to continue to grow in the number of students we have in private lessons, start group classes, and keep improving our customer service.

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## Upcoming Events

August 28<sup>th</sup>

Fall Lessons Begin

September 5<sup>th</sup>

JourneyKids Voice Placements  
Ark City Middle School  
4pm-5pm

September 7<sup>th</sup>

JourneyKids Voice Placements  
Ark City Middle School  
5.30pm-6.30pm

September 12<sup>th</sup>

JourneyKids Voice Placements  
Winfield Middle School  
4pm-5pm

September 14<sup>th</sup>

JourneyKids Voice Placements  
Winfield Middle School  
5.30pm-6.30pm

September 19<sup>th</sup>

JourneyKids Choir begins  
Darbeth 207  
5.30pm-6.30pm

September 26<sup>th</sup>

JourneyKids Choir Rehearsal  
Darbeth 207  
5.30pm-6.30pm

**September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Remainder of JourneyKids Choir  
Payment Due\***

**\*Discount ends after today**

*“Creating community  
through music”*

## Fall 2017 Private Lessons

We would like to encourage all of you to sign up for one of the many lessons we offer this fall. We [offer lessons](#) in piano, voice, percussion, violin, cello, flute, saxophone, and viola. Lessons can be taught by [current SC Music Education students, community members, or SC Music Faculty](#). If you and/or your child are already taking lessons, invite friends, family members, and neighbors for lessons. It is never too late to try something new or to pick up something you once loved!

## Donating Furniture to CMS

Special shout out to Marsha Granberry who has tirelessly been finding furniture and artwork for our CMS studio area. The pictures on the wall, plants, and other furniture you see were graciously donated by Mrs. Granberry.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Steven McDonald and Caroline Kahoe who run the McDonald/Kahoe Studio in Edmond, OK for the past 30 years. They have graciously donated 2 pianos, a digital piano, and two 4-drawer filing cabinets of music leveled by difficulty to the CMS in their retirement. They both have a heart for teaching and know that their pianos and music will be used for the students of CMS with respect and understanding. We would also like to thank Dr. Timothy Shook, and SC students Jonathan Lane and Shawn Knepper for spending a day to go get the donation.

Any slightly used furniture that you can part with, the CMS could use to grow their studio space. This could include chairs, couches, file cabinets, etc.

## Southwestern College Choral Union's (SCCU) New Direction

The CMS and Dr. Brian Winnie are proud to announce a new direction with Southwestern College Choral Union, an ensemble for anyone over 16 years of age. For the fall of 2017, SCCU will be structured as a project-based ensemble that will combine with the SC A Capella Choir for special projects and concerts. Voice placements will happen before the first rehearsal and can be arranged by emailing Dr. Winnie at [brian.winnie@sckans.edu](mailto:brian.winnie@sckans.edu). Rehearsals will be from 6:30pm-8:00pm on November 7, 14, and 21 in the Darbeth Rehearsal Hall. The dress rehearsal will be from 6:30pm-8:30pm on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. **Fees are \$40/adult for each project and FREE for students.**

Parents! We would love for you to share your pictures with us to go on our website and FB page. Send them to us at [cms@sckans.edu](mailto:cms@sckans.edu) to be featured on our FB page

## Connect With Us!

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## MEET A TEACHER!



Dr. Timothy Shook is the Professor of Music of the Southwestern College Performing Arts Division. He is the chair of certification for MTNA. He has been teaching private piano for over 40 years.



## JourneyKids Choir



JourneyKids Choir is excited to start this year off with many returning students and new students. This year, to help make voice placements easier, Director, Nikki Kirk, will be in Ark City Middle School and Winfield Middle School (see Upcoming Events on Page 1). With the goal of having 20 or more

amazing, talented young students willing to learn new music, gain new technique, and build community through music, JourneyKids Choir's semester goal is to participate in the Winterfest Activities in December.

**Fees for JKC this year are \$15/month or \$100/semester (on or before September 30<sup>th</sup>).**

## Student Success Stories

Callen Shimkus, age 16 and one of Kaitlyn Holler's students, goes to Oxford High School and received a Superior "I" rating on his vocal solo at League and Regional Competition. He will be headed to state on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Salina on the KWU campus. Congrats Callen!

## Ways to Stay Connected & Support the CMS

There are many ways to stay connected with the Community Music School and different ways to support us. This month, we want to let you know about our Customer Service Survey. This survey is a great way to let us know how you feel about the CMS in different customer service areas, let us know if you would like to be more involved, and allow us to hear your concerns, comments, etc. in order to make the CMS a great place for everyone. The link to our survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MB8YFKQ> and will only take a few short minutes!

## Strategic Planning Process

The CMS is currently undergoing its strategic planning process to ensure that we are able to serve the community for decades to come. We have designed a customer service survey to provide an opportunity for all parents and families to provide feedback which will inform our planning process. If you have the time, please fill out our survey so we can keep improving our ways:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MB8YFKQ>.

## SUPPORT OUR MISSION



By having a Dillon's Plus Card, you can register your card with The Community Music School to give back. Enter the 5-digit NPO (24738) and search **The Community Music School at Southwestern College** to enroll!

## PRACTICE TIPS

1. Set goals for your practice time.
2. Break up your practice time into small increments.
3. Repetition is key!

(<http://musiclessonsresource.com/for-students-10-music-practice-tips>)

