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"CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC"



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Dear friends and musicians,

What a great first week of lessons we have had! This semester is well under way with private lessons, voice placements for JourneyKids Choir, recruitment for SCCU, and getting new students signed up for lessons every day! There are ways you can be involved to help us keep growing, including taking our Customer Service Survey, telling your friends about the different ensembles we offer, and be on the lookout for more information about our new Group Classes! Thank you for your continuous support of the CMS and of your student's dreams of playing music!

Brandi Young

Executive Director of The Community Music School

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JourneyKids Voice Placements
Ark City Middle School
5:30pm-6:30pm

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JourneyKids Voice Placements
Winfield Middle School
4pm-5pm

[September 14th](#)

JourneyKids Voice Placements
Winfield Middle School
5:30pm-6:30pm

[September 19th](#)

JourneyKids Choir begins
Darbeth 207
5:30pm-6:30pm

[September 26th](#)

JourneyKids Choir Rehearsal
Darbeth 207
5:30pm-6:30pm

[September 30th](#)

Remainder of JourneyKids Choir
Payment Due*

*Discount ends after today

[October 3rd](#)

JourneyKids Choir Rehearsal
Darbeth 207
5:30pm-6:30pm



JourneyKids Voice Placements

The Community Music School's JourneyKids Choir is a performance ensemble comprised of students in grades 3-6 (from the Walnut Valley region and surrounding counties). The Goal of the ensemble is to provide a collaborative and welcoming environment for the development of lifelong skills and a love for music.

Rehearsals take place in Darbeth Room 207 on the Southwestern College Campus on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm starting on September 19, 2017. A couple of performances will take place during the spring semester, including an Elementary Honor Choir Day at Southwestern College in January 2018.

Listed under the Upcoming Events are dates, locations, and times of the voice placements.

Nikki Kirk is the Director of the JourneyKids Choir. Mrs. Kirk have over 10 years of experience of teaching and has taught general music, band and choir in the public schools of Kansas, in her home state of West Virginia, and has served as Instructor of Music at Coffeyville Community College. She received her BA in Music Education while studying trumpet and voice at Glenville State College (Glenville, WV), and is currently pursuing a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Elementary Music Curriculum.

The fee per semester for involvement in the group is **\$15/month/student or \$100/year/student (on or before September 30th)**. Payments are made at the first rehearsal of each month or can be paid in full at the first rehearsal.



Teacher Feature McKenzie Wheeler

Piano, Voice, and Violin

McKenzie Wheeler has been teaching for the SC Community Music School since the Fall of 2015 where she teaches violin, voice, and beginning piano lessons.

She completed a Bachelor's Degree in Music and is finishing a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Southwestern College where she was named as SC Teacher of Promise for 2016. She is the Director of Music for Grace United Methodist Church in Winfield, conducting the chancel choir and playing in the bell choir. McKenzie is a Winfield native and still resides in Winfield with her husband Ryan and two sons, Jaxson (7) and Lincoln (4).



Southwestern College Choral Union

SCCU is a community and college ensemble that offers choral and vocal education and performance opportunities to a broad range of ages (16 and up) and experience levels. SCCU is taking a new direction this year with being a project-based ensemble that will combine with the SC A Capella Choir for special projects and concerts. Rehearsals nurture the growth of all individuals through one-on-one instruction within the group setting, student internship collaboration, emphasis on vocal technique, and growth of musicianship skills. Performances maintain innovative programming, helping to stretch the choral art, community, and members. SCCU believes in strengthening both Southwestern and Winfield's commitment to the fine arts and enhancing our historical choral legacy by bringing music back to the community.

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!

Playful Practice

These are few fun ways to help keep your child engaged in their practice time.

Relatives

Perform for family members or friends. Keep it positive and low pressure. Your child should be practiced enough to complete songs or practice tasks. If they are not, let performing for family members or friends be incentive for them. Only have them play as long as they are having fun on this one.

Phone Video

Make a video of their music on your phone, then let them watch it. Do it multiple times if they are enjoying it. We all know kids love to see pictures and videos of themselves.

<http://thelittleyears.com/g-ways-young-children-enjoy-music-practice/>

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 to be featured on our FB page.

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