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"CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC"



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## Dear friends and musicians,

Thank you for your continuous support of the Community Music School. By taking lessons with us, being in SCCU or JourneyKids Choir, coming to our concerts and recitals, and being an advocate for music in the community- you are a huge part of what is happening here at the CMS.

As we prepare for the end of the year recitals, the SCCU and A Capella Choir concert, and the JourneyKids Concert, we are excited about how this year has gone and the planning for next year has already started!

If you want to be more involved, we would love to have more parents on board for general CMS duties and to help with JourneyKids Choir. We also are in continuous need of donors, supporters, and a bigger reach into the community- so don't be afraid to tell your friends about us!

Brandi Young  
Executive Director of the CMS

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# Upcoming Events

[April 2<sup>nd</sup>](#)

“Light It Up Blue” Concert  
7pm  
Messenger Recital Hall

[April 3<sup>rd</sup>](#)

Journey Kids Rehearsal  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Darbeth 207

[April 10<sup>th</sup>](#)

Journey Kids Rehearsal  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Darbeth 207

[April 17<sup>th</sup>](#)

Journey Kids Rehearsal  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Darbeth 207

[April 21<sup>st</sup>](#)

SCCU and A Capella Choir Concert  
7:30 pm  
Richardson Performing Arts Center

[April 24<sup>th</sup>](#)

Journey Kids Rehearsal  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Darbeth 207

[May 1<sup>st</sup>](#)

Journey Kids Rehearsal  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Darbeth 207

## Light It Up Blue Concert

Every April, Autism Speaks kicks off World Autism Month beginning with UN-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2.

Joined by the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world, light blue in recognition of people living with autism. Autism-friendly events and educational activities take place all month to increase understanding and acceptance and foster worldwide support.

**Concert date is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in Messenger Auditorium and the best part, FREE ADMISSION!** Performers include: Southwestern College Percussion Group, JourneyKids Choir, Aiden WellsFilbert, Kaela Massey, and Tyler Demaree.

## CMS Recital Information

The Intermediate Recital will be May 10<sup>th</sup> in Messenger Auditorium 5.30-6.30pm.

Advanced Recital will also be May 10<sup>th</sup> in Messenger Auditorium but it will be at 7pm-8pm.

Receptions to follow both will be in the Darbeth Lobby. Parents are asked to bring **one dessert** to share. Punch will be provided. More details will be made available soon!

# Teacher Feature



Aidan Wells is a student at Southwestern College, working toward a Performance Degree in Music and studying a variety of instruments with the Southwestern faculty and is a part of many of the College's performing ensembles.

Before coming to SC, he taught at the Creative Keyboard Studio under the pedagogical guidance of Dr. Timothy Shook in Wichita. As a pianist he is an active collaborator on campus and has additionally performed as a soloist with the South Kansas Symphony, and ensemble for which he is also currently the Assistant Conductor. He looks forward to helping others learn and grow as musicians alongside the other instructors at the Community Music School.

## JourneyKids Choir Concert Information

The Concert will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Richardson Performing Arts Center. More details will be made available soon!

### SCCU Reminder:

There are NO more Tuesday night rehearsals for SCCU this spring. You are invited to rehearse with the A Capella Choir on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 12pm-12.45pm in Darbeth Rehearsal Hall.

## Fun Practice Tips!

These are a few tips to creating a meaningful practice session, as it is the best way to hone the craft of instrumental or vocal music.

1. Aim to practice every day!

If you skip a practice day, don't worry, but do try to make up for the missed practice session by extending your practice time for at least 5 minutes for your next session.

2. Remember to Warm-Up!

You won't run a marathon without stretching first, right? The same principle applies to playing an instrument.

3. It's not a race!

Remember the story of the tortoise and the hare? Keep that in mind when you're having self-doubts. The best musicians reached their level of success through determination and patience. It is not about how quickly you learned to play a music piece; it is about playing from your heart.

<https://www.thoughtco.com/tips-for-practice-time-2455818>

## We Need You To Answer These Questions!

1. Would you like an option to pay for lessons online with a credit card? What if there was a processing fee?
2. Could you give a 2-3 sentence endorsement that we can use in our marketing material?
3. Have these newsletters be beneficial and informational?
4. What are the critical strengths of the CMS?
5. How can we continue to improve and meet your needs?

Please send your responses via email to the CMS at [cms@sckans.edu](mailto:cms@sckans.edu). The Executive Director will be the only one who sees your answers and we thank you in advance for your time and answers.

## Ways to Support the CMS

### *Dillons Community Rewards Program*

Whenever you use your Dillons Plus Card at any participating store, you can set up your account to give part of your proceeds back to the CMS. Our 5-digit NO number is **24738** and the official name is **The Community Music School at Southwestern College**. Check out this link to help you set it up correctly: <https://www.sckans.edu/other/community-music-school/support-our-mission/>. Thank you for your support!

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