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"CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC"

IN THIS ISSUE

Dear friends and musicians,

As the New Year starts, the CMS has accomplished some resolutions that were set in August 2017. We are proud to announce the following additions to the CMS that will help it keep growing, help your students/children become more engaged in music, and is a great benefit to the community:

- Cowley Percussion Collective
- 6 new teachers
- Dance Classes
- Private Dance Lessons
- Group Piano Class
- Newly painted and re-arranged CMS Office
- Newly re-organized CMS space

Thank you to all of you who are continuing lessons, who are joining us for lessons, and to all of our teachers who are excited to continuing teaching music!

Brandi Young, MBA
Executive Director of the CMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cowley Percussion Collective

Elementary Honor Choir Day

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Upcoming Events

[January 15th](#)

CMS Spring Lessons Begin
Lower Level of Darbeth

[January 30th](#)

Elementary Honor Choir Day
Richardson Performing Arts Center
9:00 AM

[February 1st](#)

Cowley Percussion Collective Rehearsal
Darbeth Rehearsal Hall
5:30 PM

[February 8th](#)

JourneyKids Spring Rehearsal
Darbeth 207
5:30-6:30 PM

[April 2nd](#)

Autism Awareness Concert
Messenger Recital Hall
7:00 PM

[May 18th](#)

JourneyKids Spring Concert
Messenger Recital Hall
7:00 PM



Cowley Percussion Collective

The Community Music School at Southwestern is excited to start a new community through percussion! This new ensemble being offered will explore various areas of percussion. Middle school students and older are welcome to join in the Cowley Percussion Collective. Experience is always helpful, but don't fret, no experience is necessary to join in this ensemble. Rehearsals will be starting February 1. They will be held in Darbeth Rehearsal Hall on Southwestern Campus Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm.

This ensemble will be led by Jeremy Kirk, an active performing artist, clinician, and adjudicator throughout North America and is currently Assistant Professor of Music at Southwestern College where he serves as Director of Bands, Percussion, and Music Education. During the course of this ensemble, there will be opportunities for a drum circle, some African Drumming, Novelty Percussion and other great experiences for all interests!

To get involved in the Cowley Percussion Collective, sign up by visiting our [website](#) or email us at cms@sckans.edu.

Elementary Honor Choir Day

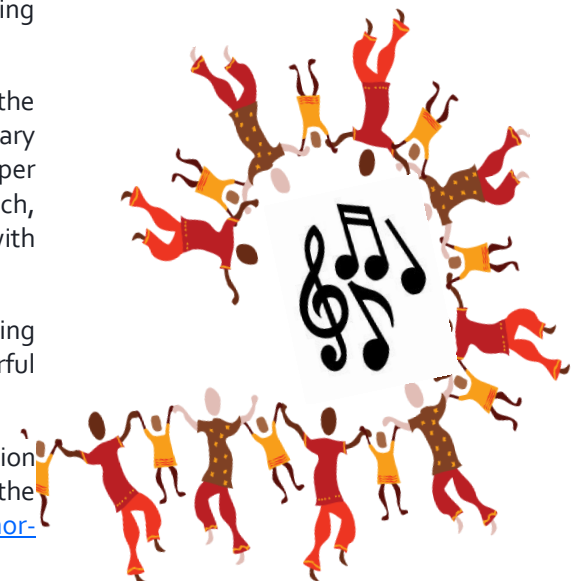
The Community Music School at Southwestern College is hosting an Elementary Honor Choir Day on January 30, 2018. This ensemble will be directed by Nikki Kirk and accompanied by Marsha Granberry.

Along with other elementary students from around the county, your student, if chosen, will have the opportunity to explore technique skills, the chance to discover new music, and be able to work with others while having fun through this exciting experience.

School teacher will select the top six students and convey information about the Elementary Honor Choir Day to the students and their parents. The Elementary Honor Choir Day will be on January 30th, 2018 from 9 am to 6 pm. The cost is \$7 per student (if paying online a \$0.50 service charge is added). This price includes: lunch, two snack breaks, a t-shirt, music, a digital recording of the music to practice with before the day, and transportation from school to SC to start the day.

There will be a concert to conclude this day starting at 6pm in Richardson Performing Arts Center. This is free and open to the public. Please come support these wonderful students from surrounding schools!

Be sure to register by the deadline of **January 8, 2018**. To gather more information about the Elementary Honor Choir Day, visit our webpage and check out the event! <https://www.sckans.edu/other/community-music-school/elementary-honor-choir-day/>



Dance Classes

The Community Music School is excited to announce that there will now be dance classes and lessons available through the CMS! Sheila Harding will be heading this grand adventure. Check out her biography on our [website](#).



Pricing for these classes and for private lessons are:

- Private Dance Lesson Fee: \$45 per hour
- One class per month: \$40
- 2 classes per month: add \$30; \$70 total
- 3 classes per month: add \$20 each; \$60 total
- 4 classes per month: add \$10 each; \$50 total

Private lessons can be offered in any area and the dance classes that will be offered include:

- Ballet for 1.5 hours a week
- Jazz for 1 hour a week
- Tap for 1 hour a week
- Hip Hop & Contemporary for 1 hour a week
- Private Lessons for 1 hour a week

JourneyKids Choir

The JourneyKids Choir is accepting new students!

If your loved one wasn't at voice placements in September, but still wants to join, just show up **Tuesday, February 8th at 5:30 in Darbeth Fine Arts Room 207**. Nikki Kirk is the director of the JourneyKids Choir. She has over 10 years of

teaching experience combined in Kansas and her home state of West Virginia. The fee per semester for involvement in the group is \$15/month/student.

Partial need-based tuition scholarships are available. Payments are made at the first rehearsal of each month or can be paid in full at the first rehearsal. If you have questions or want to register, please email the CMS at cms@sckans.edu.

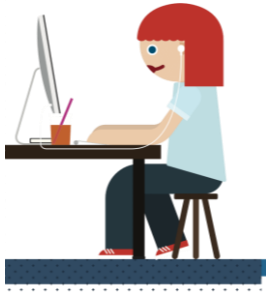


New Teachers!

The Community Music School has been making efforts to provide more lessons in a variety of forms for the Winfield and surrounding area community. In doing so, we have gained some incredibly talented teachers in our staff. Those teachers include Tanner Schartz, Kaela Massey, Aidan Wells, Tyler Demaree, Jeremy Sheets, and Sheila Harding. We can't wait to fill up their schedules with lessons for those in our community as we share our love and passion of music and the arts.

New Office Hours

There will be new office hours this spring for the Community Music School. We scheduled these hours in order to meet the needs of those who need to be in communication with us. We love providing a friendly face for you to drop in and make payments while your students are in class.



Monday

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Tuesday

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Wednesday

9:00 AM-11:00 AM
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Thursday

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Friday

10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Playful Practice

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

Practice Competition

For students with any sort of competitive spirit – which are a lot of students – a well-organized practice competition can have them practicing like maniacs.

This would work well with siblings who take lessons or for friends. If you don't know of anyone to compete with, your instructor should be able to pair up your student with another student to compete with. Students record how much practice they do within a specified time period. (Most practice in a week. Most practice in a single day. Most practice on a weekend. Most number of days without missing practice. Greatest number of days in a row with at least 30 minutes. Most improved. Most consistent...)

The results are compiled. Scoreboards can be created for everyone to see and prizes or privileges can be given to students who win!

<http://insidemusicteaching.com/when-students-wont-practice/>

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!

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