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"CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC"



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## Dear friends and musicians,

I can't believe the first month of the New Year is done! We have 60 students in private lessons; our Jazz, Ballet, and Tap dance classes started this week and there's still time to enroll; we had 70 students at the Elementary Honor Choir on January 30<sup>th</sup>; and our JourneyKids Choir is starting up again on February 6<sup>th</sup>!

Through this past month, patience has seemed to be the virtue that is most valuable and practiced here at the CMS. Patience with learning new instruments, working with new teachers, figuring out new billing policies, and more. Thank you all for being patient with us here at the CMS and for your support.

If you ever have questions, ideas, or concerns, please don't hesitate to email us. You are the ones that make us possible to exist and we couldn't do it without you.

Brandi Young  
Executive Director of the CMS

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# Upcoming Events

[February 6<sup>th</sup>](#)

Tap Class

Helen Graham Little Theatre  
5:00-6:00 PM

[February 6<sup>th</sup>](#)

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

[February 7<sup>th</sup>](#)

Ballet Class

Helen Graham Little Theatre  
6:30-8:00 AM

[February 8<sup>th</sup>](#)

Jazz Class

Helen Graham Little Theatre  
5:00-6:00 PM

[February 13<sup>th</sup>](#)

Tap Class

Helen Graham Little Theatre  
5:00-6:00 PM

[February 13<sup>th</sup>](#)

JourneyKids Choir  
Darbeth 207  
5:30-6:30 PM

[February 14<sup>th</sup>](#)

Ballet Class

Helen Graham Little Theatre  
6:30-8:00 AM

[February 15<sup>th</sup>](#)

Jazz Class

Helen Graham Little Theatre  
5:00-6:00 PM

[February 20<sup>th</sup>](#)

Tap Class

Messenger Recital Hall  
5:00-6:00 PM

[February 20<sup>th</sup>](#)

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

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

Ballet Class

Helen Graham Little Theatre  
6:30-8:00 AM

[February 22<sup>nd</sup>](#)

Jazz Class

Messenger Recital Hall  
5:00-6:00 PM

[February 27<sup>th</sup>](#)

Tap Class

Helen Graham Little Theatre  
5:00-6:00 PM

[February 27<sup>th</sup>](#)

JourneyKids Choir  
Darbeth 207  
5:30-6:30 PM

[February 28<sup>th</sup>](#)

Ballet Class

Helen Graham Little Theatre  
6:30-8:00 AM

# Elementary Honor Choir 2018 Recap

This year at the Elementary Honor Choir Day, we had a total of 70 students in attendance from Arkansas City, Burden, and Winfield schools. We had roughly 200 people in attendance at our concert that conclude the day.

We are extremely thankful for all our volunteers, sponsors, music teachers, and staff who helped make this event possible. Below are a few special thanks:

- Legacy Community Foundation
- Wal-Mart
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Artistik Promo
- Fresh Ideas
- Fastenal
- Kenny Allman
- Nikki Kirk & Marsha Granberry
- Carson Davis
- Leslie Wofford
- Olney Productions
- Audrey Vorderlandwehr

## Teacher Feature



Kaela Massey is a sophomore at Southwestern College and a graduate of Winfield High School. She is double majoring in Music Education and Musical Theatre Performance, and is involved in a number of vocal ensembles on campus; including A Capella Choir, the SC chamber choir, and SC Singers.

She takes voice lessons and violin lessons, and plays violin in the school's orchestra alongside being a member of the South Kansas Symphony. She has participated in the SCKMEA district orchestra and the KMEA all state orchestra in the past. She's been in a number of shows at Southwestern, including "Hairspray", "Spring Awakening", and "Peter and the Starcatcher". She is very excited to be giving lessons through the Community Music School at SC so she can spread her knowledge and love of music with the members of the Winfield Community.

# JourneyKids Choir

JourneyKids Choir is a children's choir for students in grades 3-6 in the Walnut Valley region. They rehearse weekly with their own music that they later use during performances across the county.

Rehearsals are on **Tuesdays from 5.30-6.30pm in Darbeth Performing Arts Building, Room 207**. The choir is directed by Nikki Kirk and accompanied by Marsha Granberry.

**Fees are \$15 per month or \$60 per semester** and can be mailed to the CMS at 100 College St, Winfield, KS 67156 or brought to rehearsals.



## 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 under "Meet our Teachers".

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO ENROLL IN THESE CLASSES OR PRIVATE LESSONS!**

<https://www.sckans.edu/other/community-music-school/meet-our-teachers/>



### DANCE CLASS PRICES:

- Private Dance Lesson Fee: \$48 per hour
- One class per month: \$40
- 2 classes per month: \$70 total
- 3 classes per month: \$60 total

### DANCE CLASS DAYS & TIMES:

- Tap Class:
  - Tuesdays from 5-6pm
- Ballet Class:
  - Wednesdays from 6.30-8am
- Jazz Class:
  - Thursdays from 5-6pm
- Private Lessons:
  - Whenever you schedule a time

# Elementary Honor Choir Recap Photos



Thank you to Olney Productions for video recording the concert. DVD copies are for sale. Email the CMS to place your order.

Thank you to Audrey Vorderlandwehr for being our event photographer.



## Meaningful Practice

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. Find somewhere quiet.

This will help prepare you mentally for this very particular kind of work

2. Have your supplies nearby.

Keep a pencil sharpener and a very clean eraser within arm's reach, along with a pencil to mark up your music. Simple, right? But those little things are easy to forget, and if you have to go searching for them, add up to a big waste of time.

3. Use technology to your advantage!

Get a free metronome, a tuner and a timer. These will help maximize practice sessions and habits.

4. Have a set goal each time you go in to practice.

Before you start, think: What do I want to accomplish today? If you're not sure what you need to focus on, ask your teacher for a few concrete goals to work toward before the next lesson — and write them down.

## Ways to Stay Connected & 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!

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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