

Dear Choral Colleagues,

Just returned from a wonderful KCDA convention in Topeka where it was great to see so many of my SCKMEA colleagues! I hope you are all rested from the summer break and excited about the upcoming school year. I am Melissa Watkins, with me is Nick Engles, and we are your SCKMEA Choral co-chairs. Our goal is to assist you in any way that we can; especially those that are new to the profession or are new to this District.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 8 – Choir Audition Submission Deadline

October 15 – Absolute Audition Submission Deadline with doubled fees

November 6 – District Auditions

December 4 – District Honor Choirs Rehearsal and Performance

Rehearsals begin at 9:00 am/Combined Concert at 4:00 pm

Renovations at Wichita State University have made it a necessity to change our performance venue for the next few years. Andover Central High School will host our auditions and our performances. Choir, Band, and Orchestra will all audition at Andover Central on November 6 as in previous years. The Mixed and Women's Honor Choruses will both also rehearse and perform at Andover Central on December 4. The 56A and 1234A Bands and the Orchestra will be rehearsing and performing at Maize High School on December 4.

This year's Women's Chorus will be directed by Dr. Julie Yu and the Mixed Chorus will be directed by Dr. Josh Oppenheim, both of Kansas State University. I hope that you will encourage your singers to audition to be a part of the choirs that sing under the direction of these two great clinicians.

Last year SCKMEA began a Scholarship program for graduating seniors that are pursuing music in college. Please encourage your students to fill out and submit the application on the SCKMEA website.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call me. Have a great semester and see you in November!

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