



**North Central District's
Middle Level Honor Ensemble Concerts**

Middle Level Honor Band

Middle Level Honor Choir

**Junction City High School
Auditorium**

Saturday, November 8, 2025

2:30 PM

North Central KMEA
2025-2026
Honor Administrator

Greg Ferguson
Activities Director & Assistant Principal
Clay Center Community High School



Greg Ferguson is in his 27th year in education and 16th as a school administrator. A Clay Center High School and Bethany College graduate, he began his teaching career in 1999 and later earned a master's in Building Leadership from Emporia State University. Greg served in Goodland, Kansas, before returning home in 2016 as Assistant Principal and Activities Director at Clay Center Community High School.

Greg and his beautiful wife, Angela, have been married 25 years. They are proud parents of daughter Hannah VanCleave, Sports Information Director at the University of Saint Mary, and her husband Conner, Account Manager at Stanion Wholesale Electric, and son Brock, a senior at Emporia State University and student assistant for the ESU football team.

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Outstanding Middle Level Educator

Lindsay Modin
Orchestra
Lakewood Middle School



Mrs. Modin is in her 23rd year teaching Orchestra this year in the Salina Public Schools, where she serves students in grades 5-12 at six schools. She earned her Masters Degree in Music from KSU (2009), and her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2003). She also played with the Salina Symphony and directed one of the Salina Youth Symphony ensembles for many years. When she's not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her husband two young sons.

North Central KMEA **Middle Level Band**

Directed by Dr. Melissa Sawyer
Jay Koupal, Chairperson

Music to be selected from:

Armory by Randall Standridge
Spania by David Shaffer
Celtic Air and Dance by Michael Sweeney
Darklands March by Randall Standridge



Dr. Melissa Sawyer is Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Kansas, where she assists with the Marching Jayhawks and teaches within the School of Music. She also serves as Assistant Director of Midwestern Music Camp at KU. Sawyer is a native of Edmond, Oklahoma and has taught middle school, high school, and collegiate band programs in Oklahoma, Texas, Nevada, New Mexico, and Kansas. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Arts in Wind Conducting from New Mexico State University. Sawyer served as the Assistant Director of Bands at New Mexico State University where she was Assistant Director of the Pride of New Mexico Marching Band and Symphonic Band. Completing her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Wind Conducting at the University of Kansas, she served as the Director of Athletic

Bands/Assistant Professor of Music at Benedictine College where she directed all athletic bands, conducted the Symphonic Band, and served as Music Education Coordinator.

Members of the ML Honor Band

Flute

Lily McMullen, St. George-Rock Creek MS
Lillian Rounds, Bennington Jr/Sr HS
Ariana Schaefer, St Marys Jr/Sr HS
Madilynn Gilsdorf, Concordia Jr/Sr HS
Emmalynn Sampson, Wamego MS
Maddi Van Petten-Reid, Wamego MS
Sara Jacobs, Wamego MS
Emmalyn Sandlin, Bennington Jr/Sr HS
Marlie Bogart, Chapman MS
Alt. - Allysen Thomas, Wakefield Public School

Oboe

Margie Clark, Wamego MS
Jane Matthys, Fort Riley MS
Boedy Chavey, Concordia Jr/Sr HS
Vera Bahadori, St. George-Rock Creek MS

Bassoon

Charlize Nielsen, Manhattan-Dwight D Eisenhower MS

B-flat Clarinet

Marabelle Aldridge, Wamego MS
Brooklynn Maier, Bennington Jr/Sr HS
Logan Lakin, Wamego MS
Malia Collins, Wamego MS
Sadie Williams, Wamego MS
Morgynn Biggs, Wamego MS
Molly Kolath, Concordia Jr/Sr HS
Lisita Tatafu, Fort Riley MS
Alex O'Halloran, St Marys Jr/Sr HS
Theodore Veeman, Manhattan-Dwight D Eisenhower MS
Hailey Miller, Concordia Jr/Sr HS
Addison Wienckoski, Fort Riley MS
Kade Bell, Chapman MS

Bass Clarinet

Lexi Schmidt, Blue Rapids-Valley Heights HS

Alto Saxophone

Gregory Thornton, Manhattan-Susan B. Anthony MS

Kenadee Gourley, Bennington Jr/Sr HS

Levi Sacchieri, Fort Riley MS

Madison Hupe, Wamego MS

Shreeram Khanal, Manhattan-Dwight D Eisenhower MS

Alt. - Laila Carranza, Fort Riley MS

Tenor Saxophone

Brogun Newell, Wamego MS

Reid Scheer, Washington Co. Jr/Sr HS

Trumpet

Grayson Hopkins, Wamego MS

Silas Robson, Bennington Jr/Sr HS

Nathaniel Becerra, Marysville HS

Blaine Schmidt, Wamego MS

Carter Ronsse, St Marys Jr/Sr HS

Autumn Clark, Chapman MS

Oliver Biggs, Wamego MS

Andrew Coleman, Wamego MS

Hadyn Dittmer, St. George-Rock Creek MS

Luke Peterson, Concordia Jr/Sr HS

Lillian Cooper, Wamego MS

Jack Gilliland, Concordia Jr/Sr HS

Jack Stryker, Blue Rapids-Valley Heights HS

Horn

Nathan Haverlah, Manhattan-Susan B. Anthony MS

Rosemary Slough, St. George-Rock Creek MS

Niah Page, Wamego MS

Franklin Felton, Junction City MS

Trombone

Ellie Weiszbrod, Manhattan-Dwight D Eisenhower MS
Maverick Strait, Concordia Jr/Sr HS
Pippa Pugh, Wamego MS
Tighe Olmsted, Marysville HS
Lucy Oman, Belleville-Republic Co. Jr/Sr HS
Placid Anye, Fort Riley MS
Blake Blume, Wamego MS
Raymond Gittens, Fort Riley MS
Lee Lacy, Concordia Jr/Sr HS
Alt. - Wade Hamel, Clay Center Community MS

Baritone

Anthony Chaney, St Marys Jr/Sr HS
Jase Kloft, Clay Center Community MS

Tuba

Kane Yonning, Wamego MS
William Lukert, St Marys Jr/Sr HS
Daidad Kakuse, Fort Riley MS
Connor McCoy, Gypsum-Southeast of Saline
Alt. - Holte Taddiken, Clay Center Community MS

Timpani

Marcos Blanco Lopez, Fort Riley MS

Mallets

Caden Chavis, Fort Riley MS
Rashaad Gittens, Fort Riley MS
Niven Haefner, St. George-Rock Creek MS

Snare

Remington Estes, Wamego MS
Maklen Brown, Concordia Jr/Sr HS
Teagan Flax, Concordia Jr/Sr HS
Zahvanna Wurtz, St Marys Jr/Sr HS
Alt. - August Nelson, Manhattan-Dwight D Eisenhower MS

North Central KMEA **Middle Level Choir**

Directed by Matthew Schwan

Marlo Zumbrunn, piano

Danette Whitely & Angeline McGuffin, Chairpersons

Music to be selected from:

Star of Light by Laura Farnell

Sahayta by Ben Allaway

Misty Morning by Nygard

We Can Dream by Pinkzebra



Matthew Schwan graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Music Education in 2010. He later earned his MME in Choral Music Education from Wichita State University in the summer of 2020. Matthew is currently in his fourteenth year of teaching in public education. He currently holds full certifications in Orff Schulwerk approach, Kodaly approach, and earned his ESOL certification early in his teaching career. His awards include Departmental Distinction Award from Kansas Wesleyan in 2010, Favorite Teacher of the Year for Newspapers in Education 2014, Outstanding Middle Level Music Educator for North Central Kansas in 2020, and Outstanding Elementary Level Music Educator for North Central Kansas in 2022.

Matthew is a part of the amazing staff at Coronado Elementary School where he serves on the vision committee, founder of the Coronado Cougar Choir "Triple C's", and has students participate in regional and state events.

Members of the ML Honor Choir

Abilene MS

Bryson Chestnut	Tenor
Kaitlyn Christy	Soprano
Piper Immel	Soprano
Aurora Kraft	Tenor
Kevin Lopez	Bass
Alena Marstall	Soprano
Andres Martin	Tenor
Hope Miller	Alto
Lillian Nitz	Soprano
Liana Ortiz	Alto
Noah Pelfrey	Bass
Zolie Ross	Alto
Joslyn Rouse	Alto
Kalianna Shields	Alto
Bailey Sollman	Alto
Lily Wallace	Alto
Kadance Wilson	Soprano

Belleville-Republic Co. Jr/Sr HS

Faustina Baxa	Alto
Lillian Bennett	Alto

Bennington JH

Nora Barry	Soprano
Katy Gans	Soprano
Sarah Johnson	Alto
Ava McVay	Alto
Mackenzie Noon	Soprano
Azalea Russi	Soprano
Lincoln Smith	Alto
Paityn Swartz	Alto

Blue Rapids-Valley Heights HS

Lucy Bachura	Soprano
Brooklyn Dobrovolny	Alto
Sandra Fralin	Soprano

Chapman MS

Tamara Bates	Alto
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Marlie Bogart	Soprano
Steven Bogart	Tenor
Gabriel Boyd	Tenor
Kynsley Briand	Alto
Rykin Chamberlain	Tenor
Mia Cosio	Soprano
Matthew Curtis	Bass
Treena Dunham	Soprano
Diehl Elliott	Bass
Bennett Fisher	Alto
Tatum Gentet	Tenor
Alexa Gibson	Soprano
Adeline Hackett	Soprano
Zaidin Hall	Tenor
Colleenne Janssen	Soprano
Aubrey Johnson	Soprano
Olivia Keller	Soprano
Rylee McGarvey	Soprano
Brantlee McWilliams	Tenor
Lane Miller	Bass
Sophia Peterson	Alto
Joseph Provost	Tenor
Farah Rothchild	Alto
Piper Taphorn	Alto
Laney Thornton	Alto
Madilynn Weaver	Alto
Caleb Zelonis	Bass
Kaylin Zook	Alto

Clay Center Community MS

Janessa Bergsten	Alto
Tymber Charbonneau	Alto
Ireland Lloyd	Alto
Michelle Obregon-Hernandez	Soprano
Jamis Pumarlo	Bass
O'Ryann Siebold	Soprano

Concordia Jr/Sr HS

Maizy Ferrell	Soprano
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	Caralyn Finley	Alto
	Skyler Medina	Alto
	Jayda Ross	Alto
	Alaska Strait	Alto
Emporia MS		
	Owen Shafer	Tenor
Eskridge-Mission Valley		
	Adaline Bishop	Alto
	Rhea Knutson	Alto
	Twila Lohr-Miller	Alto
	Samantha Whitten	Alto
Gypsum-Southeast of Saline		
	Gatlyn Alderson	Tenor
	Paxtyn Birdsong	Soprano
	Skylar Duran	Soprano
	Fenton Fastert	Tenor
	Zoe Gautier	Soprano
	Chloe Goble	Soprano
	Laura Hanson	Alto
	London Johnson	Soprano
	Ellis Lockhart	Tenor
	Alexa Markle	Soprano
	Daniel Monday	Bass
	Madison Nelson	Soprano
	Adisyn Schwartz	Alto
	Olivia Shaw	Alto
	Eli Thiel	Tenor
	Avery Tripp	Alto
Hartford Jr/Sr HS		
	Aubery Anderson	Soprano
	Alex Haag	Tenor
	Josh Westhoff	Tenor
Junction City MS		
	Abbygale Artigue	Soprano
	Allison Bierman	Soprano
	Joseph Curras	Tenor
	Dylan Dinwiddie	Tenor

Ariana Huddleston	Alto
Kylie Kohlman	Alto
Destiny Lucas	Alto
Lillian Mills	Soprano
Rylin Porter	Soprano
Emma Reed	Alto
Xantara Sanders	Alto
Kimani Standifer	Soprano
Emma VonSpreckelsen	Alto
Shalaya Wade	Alto

Manhattan-Eisenhower MS

Gwen Larson	Soprano
Abbi Schlegel	Alto

Manhattan-Susan B. Anthony MS

Karleigh Beattie	Alto
Amiyah Berard	Alto
Emma Birkhead	Alto
Braelynn Buchanan	Alto
Audrey Henderson	Soprano
Evyn Lander	Alto
Olivia Linan-Good	Tenor
Kendall Markvicka	Soprano
Adley McKee	Soprano
Matthew Meng	Tenor
Effy Olson	Alto
Darienys Rodriguez-Robles	Alto
Jaylie Runyan	Soprano
Rory Smith	Soprano
Aria Vasquez	Tenor

Marysville Jr/Sr HS

Katherine Albrecht	Soprano
Molly Johnson	Alto
Barrett Lyhane	Tenor
Harper Martinez	Alto
Gracie Snellings	Alto

Riley Co. GS

Willow Davies	Alto
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Emmalynn Elkins	Alto
Lilly Eyestone	Soprano
Melody Krueger	Alto
Jayde Mongeau	Alto
Della Pionkowski	Alto
Ashlyn Potter	Soprano
Alaina Rose	Soprano
Samuel Shirley	Bass
Trinitee Stacker	Soprano
Liya Steinke	Alto
Hattie Thayer	Soprano

Salina-Sacred Heart Jr/Sr HS

Euneice Agee	Alto
Lauren Dahl	Soprano
Zack Merritt	Bass
Ella Riese	Soprano
Tri Tran	Bass

Scandia-Pike Valley Jr/Sr HS

Alyssa Russell	Soprano
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Solomon

Carter Carney	Alto
Zeah Frase	Alto
Raelyn Legg	Alto
Paul Marfise	Tenor
Timothy Roeder	Tenor
Lillionna Tait	Alto

St Marys Jr/Sr HS

Josh-Lynn DeVader	Soprano
Molly Drippe	Soprano
ElliAva Gonzalez	Alto

St. George-Rock Creek MS

Vian Bell	Soprano
Ava Brokenicky	Soprano
Kaydence Carroll	Alto
Braden Gilmore	Tenor
Tala Hawkins	Soprano
Hannah Stanzel	Alto

Wakefield Public School

Kash Toburen	Tenor
Adrienne Tomas-Valcin	Soprano

Michael Butler	Bass
Payton Gray	Soprano
Easton Martin	Tenor
Shaun McCasland	Bass
Hailey Smith	Alto
Allysen Thomas	Soprano

Wamego MS

Jackson Beatty	Tenor
Avia Breymeyer	Soprano
Audrey Bruna	Soprano
Sophia Coons	Soprano
Aiden Delay	Bass
Emma Douglass	Soprano
Emily Fry	Alto
Allyson Herbel	Soprano
Easton Lindsley	Alto
Bailey Long	Soprano
John Massieon	Bass
Arianna McConaghy	Soprano
Ella Nelson	Alto
Aubrianna Rhoads	Alto
Jacoby Rhoads	Bass
Logan Riggins	Tenor
Rayden Ritter	Bass
Lucy Ross	Alto
Monroe Stahl	Alto
Paxton Stream	Alto
Alexandra Totten	Alto
Gentry Utley	Soprano
Autumn Webb	Soprano
Meredith Welch	Soprano
Riley White	Alto
Katelyn Willhite	Soprano
Sophia Yarnell	Soprano

Washington Co. Jr/Sr HS

Kinsley Anderson

Catlynn Hohner

Spencer Kern

Aaliyah Sufi

Alto

Soprano

Bass

Alto

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NAFME

The National Association for Music Education

NAfME is a collaborative community that supports music educators and advocates for equitable access to music education. NAFME is an association where all people are heard, seen, and feel they belong throughout their lifelong experiences in music. NAFME believes:

- (1) Music is unique to the human experience and is essential to our humanity.
- (2) Music communicates and connects people across all time and cultures.
- (3) Music unlocks human creative expression and is a lens to the experiences and interpretations of the world.
- and
- (4) Music is basic to human wholeness through our emotions, intellect, and physical and spiritual well-being.

KMEA: Kansas Music Educators Association

Music is an integral, vibrant part of life. The lifelong process of learning, performing, creating, and appreciating music brings meaning and richness to our heritage and culture. The Kansas Music Educators Association is an organization of music educators committed to the concept that the study of music is a positive influence in the lives of individuals and society as a whole. The mission of the Kansas Music Educators Association is to support music educators by fostering leadership, providing professional development, and promoting the advocacy of music learning in schools and communities.

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