

## FLUTE CLEANING

**Supplies needed: flute rod, pipe cleaner (cotton swab or small brush), soft cloth, silver cleaning cloth for silver instruments.**

### Daily

1. Wipe fingerprints off of instrument.
2. Wipe off head joint.

### Weekly

1. Wipe off head joint tenon and socket. Place a small cloth on the flute rod and pull through instrument. Be sure not to use too big of a cloth that will get stuck in the instrument.
2. Clean out case (vacuum case).

### Monthly

1. Wash out head joint **ONLY!!** with lukewarm water and a mild non-abrasive detergent.  
**DO NOT PLACE ANY OTHER PARTS OF THE FLUTE IN WATER!!!!!!**
2. Inspect for loose screws.
3. Check head cork placement.
  - a. Push the solid end of the flute rod into the head joint.
  - b. Check to see that the mark on the end of the flute rod lines up in the center of the blow hole. **If it does not line up in the center, ask your director to adjust it.**
4. Clean the dust from under the keys with a small brush, pipe cleaner, or cotton swab.

### Yearly

1. Oil keys (ask you director about oiling your keys.)
2. If you have a maintenance agreement with a music store, it is a good idea to send you instrument to be professionally cleaned and inspected during the summer when the instrument is not being played on a regular basis.

**NEVER USE SILVER POLISH ON THE BODY OF YOUR FLUTE!! IF YOU HAVE A SILVER FLUTE, USE A POLISHING CLOTH MADE FOR SILVER INSTRUMENTS.**