



# STAR BAND

## FLUTE MAINTENANCE

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Part of being a good musician means knowing how to care for your instrument. If you follow the directions below, your flute will stay in great shape and play beautiful music for a very, very long time.

### **DAILY:**

**YOU WILL NEED:** Cleaning rod, soft cloth (lint-free).

Wipe down your flute, inside and out. Remember, the pads of your flute do not like to be wet!

- Thread one of the edges of the cloth through the hole in the cleaning rod.
- Wrap the cloth over the top of the rod so that the rod will not scratch the inside of your flute.
- Push the rod all the way in each piece of your flute, twisting it as you move it in and out.
- Carefully place each piece inside the case as you finish cleaning it.

### **WEEKLY:**

**YOU WILL NEED:** Soft cloth (lint-free).

Wipe down your flute, inside and out.

- Take an extra moment to gently wipe down the outside of your flute. This will remove excessive fingerprints and help keep the flute dirt- and dust-free.

### **MONTHLY:**

**YOU WILL NEED:** BLITZ brand Metal-Care cloth.

Very gently, use the treated cloth (inside layer is stronger) to wipe away fingerprints from your flute. Do not rub too hard, or you will eventually rub the silver plated finish off of your instrument.

Always ask your band director if you notice something is not working correctly. NEVER attempt to fix something yourself!