



# STAR BAND

## OBOE 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 oboe will stay in great shape and play beautiful music for a very, very long time.

### **DAILY:**

**YOU WILL NEED:** Cleaning swab.

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

- Drop the weighted end of the swab through your instrument backwards, that is, starting with the bell.
- Make sure the swab is not tangled or bunched up as you pull it through, or it may get stuck.
- Pull the swab all the way through your instrument and make sure each piece looks dry on the inside. You may need to swab twice if the first time didn't work very well.
- Carefully place each piece inside the case as you finish cleaning it.

### **WEEKLY:**

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

Wipe down your oboe, inside and out.

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

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