## How to Care for the French Horn

**BEGINNING BAND** 

## How to Assemble & Care for your French Horn

- Take the instrument out of its case.
- Put the mouthpiece in the horn.
- Give the mouthpiece a small quarter turn. Don't apply too much force!
- apply a light oil to the gaps in the rotors, arm joints, and springs, slides to keep them from getting sticky.
- After practicing, empty the water that collects from playing the horn.
- Clean your mouthpiece using the mouthpiece brush and store it in its pouch.
- Swab the main lead pipe section as needed to keep it clean.
- Return the instrument to its case.
- Every couple of weeks, take off the valve caps and apply a little oil.