## How to Care for the Trombone

**BEGINNING BAND** 

## How to Assemble & Care for your Trombone

- Grab the bell section with your left hand.
- Then pick up the slide section with your right hand.
- Connect the two parts by fitting the slide section into the bell section and screwing it in.
- Take out your mouthpiece and fit it into the slide section with a quarter turn.
- Make sure your slide is moving smoothly.
  Apply a bit of slide lubricant and water spray to the main slide as needed. Do not use tuning slide grease here!
- To grease the tuning slide, remove it, wipe it clean, and apply a small amount of slide grease to the ends of each side. Reinsert it and slide it back and forth.
- After practicing, empty water through the spit valve and slide as needed. Remove the mouthpiece and wipe as needed.
- Disassemble the trombone in reverse order, fitting each piece securely into the case.
- Make sure to secure your case with its zipper or latches before you pick it up.