

Ken-Ton Brass Maintenance for MS/HS

- Mouthpieces should not be “popped” with the hand, as this will cause it to become stuck in the instrument. Should the mouthpiece become stuck, **do not** try to remove with household tools. Take it to your music teacher or a qualified instrument repair technician.
- Mouthpieces should be removed after practice. If left on for a long period of time, it may get stuck to the instrument.
- Oil all valves every 2-3 days or more often as needed.
- Clean trombone slides and replace slide grease regularly, and use water sprayed on slides together with slide cream. Slide oil may also be used.
- Run **lukewarm** water through all brass instruments monthly to keep interior clean. Hot water will remove lacquer finish on brass instruments.
- Every 2-3 months disassemble all parts and soak for 30 minutes in tub or sink in warm water with a small amount of dish detergent. Purchase a flexible snake to clean interior tubing. After rinsing, drying, and oiling replace all parts carefully. Valves need to be replaced exactly as they came out (be careful not to interchange any valves or slides). Trombones can use slide cream on slides; all other brass instruments should use Vaseline or something similar on all slides.