



BEGINNING BAND BRASS

Dear students and parents,

Please take note of the following!

1. Students' instrument cases should be labeled **ASAP** in large print with: ***student's name, student's school and phone number.***
2. In the next week or 2, please ensure that the student has a ***maintenance kit*** with his/her instrument. The maintenance kit should include: valve oil, slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake (cleaning coil). Often valve oil and slide grease are included in the case when the instrument is new or rented.
3. Now is a good time to provide a **music stand** for your budding musician! These simple metal folding stands can be purchased at any music store for less than \$20. A music stand promotes good posture and technique. You might also consider an instrument stand for your student as it encourages more frequent practicing.
4. Please remind students to brush their teeth (or, at the very least, thoroughly wash their mouth out with water) before playing their instrument. This will keep the inside of the instrument cleaner, smelling and working much better, and will mean fewer trips to the repair shop.

Please let us know if we can answer any further questions!