



# Recommended Service Schedule

## FLUTE (SERVICE EVERY 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR)

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- Checking HJ cork position
- Regulation screws for lower stack
- The low C# and C FJ trick
- Quick fix for sticky pads
- Check for ripped pads, damaged tenons, bent keys and mechanisms, loose HJ corks, or missing parts

## DOUBLE REEDS (SERVICE EVERY 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR)

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- Checking bocals and reeds for damage
- Quick fix for sticky pads
- Unmounted springs
- Checking the bridges between joints and bell
- Check for worn or ripped pads, loose tenon fits, and binding keys



## CLARINET (SERVICE EVERY 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR)

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- Upper joint side key bent or dropped
- A and Ab key held open by regulation screw
- Bent bridge key
- Lower joint tricks (Crow's foot)
- Check for broken tenon corks, bent keys, ripped pads, or missing corks or felts

## SAXOPHONE (SERVICE EVERY 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR)

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- Checking the trouble pads (palm keys, low Eb)
- Trouble with low C#, B, and Bb speaking (G# regulation screw)
- How to tell if a bell is bent
- Octave key magic
- Check for worn or ripped pads, body damage, and (Tighten the screws!)



## TRUMPET (SERVICE EVERY 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR)

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- Stuck caps and pistons (Don't try the slides at home)
- The last 5% with stuck mouthpieces and pullers
- When is a water key cork dead?
- How to assess problems with guides, leaks, red rot, and binding parts
- Oil and grease frequently to help prevent parts from freezing



## FRENCH HORN (SERVICE EVERY YEAR FOR SCHOOL HORNS)

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- Oil and Grease and which to use where?
- Stringing rotors (for the audacious director)
- Checking for loose solder joints
- Freeing the mouthpiece without taking the leadpipe with you



## TROMBONE (SERVICE EVERY 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR)

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- Stuck slide lock and keeping other screws tight
- When is the water key cork dead?
- How to assess slide damage (alignment vs dents)
- Oil and grease frequently to help prevent parts from freezing

## EUPHONIUM/TUBA (SERVICE EVERY YEAR FOR SCHOOL HORNS)

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- Stuck caps (Don't try the slides at home)
- Oil/grease (The benefit of lighter oil on tighter fitting pistons for flugelhorn, euph, and tuba)
- Where do the valve guides go?
- Diagnosing problems



## GENERAL AWARENESS

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- Use reputable brands and avoiding the online special \*Better initial investments save in the long run\*
- Knowing what accessories are needed to keep the instrument maintained between services
- Like Charmin Ultra, less is more.....Knowing when to send it in and avoid causing more damage
- Helping us educate the parents on repair costs. Honest and quality work takes time and effort