

# **Woodwind Instrument Maintenance**

## **Flutes, Clarinets, and Saxophones**

### **Every Time You Play:**

- Swab after you play
- Clarinets and Saxophones only: Wash out your mouthpiece (inside and out) with hand soap and cold water

### **Every Few Weeks:**

- Check for loose screws (Show loose screws to Ms. DiMento! – Some shouldn't be tight)
- Wipe your instrument with a soft polishing cloth
- Clarinets and Saxophones only: Grease your corks

### **Every Few Months:**

- Clarinets only: Clean out the tone holes and under the keys with a pipe cleaner
- Clarinets only: Clean out excess cork grease with a Q-tip or paper towel