

## Equipment and Maintenance

### Oiling Valves

Oil valves BEFORE they get stuck. Again for the people in the back: oil valves BEFORE they get stuck.

### Cleaning goals

Mouthpiece with mouthpiece brush - once per week  
Leadpipe with snake - once per month  
Entire trumpet in bath tub - twice per year

### Tuning Slide Placement

Young players often have their tuning slides out too far. This is because we often pinch our embouchure and play sharp... then we pull out our tuning slide to play in tune... then our slide is out too far and we need to pinch our embouchure to play in tune....

Rather than pulling your slide out to fix all tuning issues, try relaxing your embouchure to let the pitch sink into place. This usually creates a better tone.

Find your best, most centered tone, and then find a spot for your tuning slide that allows your BEST TONE to be in tune.

Having the tuning slide out too far can throw the relative proportions of the various tubes out of whack.

### Changing Mouthpieces or Trumpets

ASK a band director or lesson teacher before doing this. If possible, try out for multiple days before purchasing. You want to find a mouthpiece that is best for YOU.

### Mr. Piccione's Equipment

Bach 3C mouthpiece  
Yamaha Xeno Bb trumpet