

# **What To Practice!! #1 October-November 2007**

Listed below are some of the things that your band student should be practicing at home.

## **Beginning Band**

Each student book contains a CD (it's yellow) for the students to practice along with. Practicing with the CD will help the beginning student be organized and hear the sound of the music they are working on. Students should always be starting with number one in the book.

Trumpet and trombone students should always begin by just buzzing on the mouthpiece.

Flute players should use just the head joint. The flute is one of the most difficult instruments to start on and it takes some time before the student is producing a clear tone.

## **Concert Band**

Concert band students are working on the Blue Star Challenge #1. Concert band members will be tested on the first challenge October 18<sup>th</sup>. They should also be working hard on the band music that is in the band folder. Trumpet and trombone players should be spending time just buzzing on the mouthpiece. (about 5 minutes each session) All of the students have a fingering chart to look up any notes they are unsure of. They are asked to write in the fingerings for any notes they are unsure of in the band music.

## **Honor Band**

The Honor band students are also working on Blue Star Challenge #1 The chromatic scale. Students can earn extra stars or points for themselves and their section by memorizing the exercise. They should also be working on the band music in the band folder. Drummers should be practicing the snare drum parts to the music in the band folder as well as the drum exercise pages. Trumpet, trombone and French horn students should be warming up by buzzing on the mouthpiece and playing lip slurs.