

26 Practice Tools & Audition Prep

(Intermediate clarinet - 2nd & 3rd year players)

Practice Tools

Metronome - give them specific tempos for EVERY assignment

Tuning - for getting up to pitch/tonguing (more on episodes 21 & 22)

Mirror - check embouchure

Phone/Tech Tools

Note naming apps/sites (MusicTheory.net)

Audio recording app on phone (not by rote)

- Count in small sections

- Name in rhythm/talk through fingerings and tricky spots

- Record

If there are lots of tricky fingerings, you can video

Use a stopwatch, not a timer

Airplane Mode

Audition Preparation

Start in beginning band

- Playing down the row daily

- Weekly tests

- Performance day

Advanced band

- Draw names out of hat (start easy / small)

- Play for parents, call relatives

- Mock auditions

- Performance Bingo

- Increase intensity as the audition nears

- Note/Hershey's hug/banana on day of audition

- Goodie bags - include coloring book, crayons, ear plugs, bottle of water, granola bar, banana, small candies, Tips for an Awesome Audition, personalized note about how hard they've worked