

MEMORIZATION TIPS!

Start the first time you see the music, at the first practice.

Study while other sections are practicing.

Keep your eyes off of the music as much as possible.

Just use a quick glance down at the page to remember what's next.

Reinforce what you learn at practices. Take a few minutes the next day to review the songs we practiced the night before. It will help cement them in your mind.

Break a song down and analyze it. Where do the parts repeat.

Find a recording! (Look on the website!)

Work with a friend. Practice together.

Go over your music right before bed.

Turn over your music before you think you're ready. Challenge yourself. Try not looking at the music. You'll be surprised to realize how much you really do know. The rest of the group will help to pull you along. Don't worry if you miss a note now and then - someone else will fill it in.

Read and/or sing your music. Practice away from the instrument and study the music by itself

Practice it in sections. Don't try to do it all at once (repeat it 5 times!)

Practice the fingerings or bowings without playing your instrument

Take it slow! Use your metronome

Play for others Play for family and friends the weeks and days before a performance.

Play with and without the music in order to keep notes/bowings accurate!

Tape record yourself and play it back to give and get feedback

Don't forget to breath! Stay relaxed (easier said than done!) Don't panic!!

Keep it fun!