

# 19 Parent Demonstration

## Invitations

Confirm with administration that having parents during school hours is ok.  
Clarify what type of procedure parents need to follow when checking in.  
Send out information well ahead of time - parents have to get off work  
If possible send home a “real” paper invitation  
Post on social media/send emails/talk it up with students  
Invite your administration and other faculty and staff

## Preparing

About 2 weeks before demo start focusing the students on preparing  
Set goals of what you will perform for parents  
Use the upcoming demonstration for motivation  
Make plans for having light refreshments if possible (not necessary)

## Parent Announcements

Thank them for coming, especially during the work day  
Middle school kids don't often invite parents, so enjoy today! Give them permission to “embarrass” their kids. Take pictures, video etc.

## Demonstration (what to talk about)

Put on reed (reed rotation, 4 good reeds at all times)  
Mouthpiece only (x-ray to see inside mouth, explain tonguing)  
Upper joint (same steps at home, waterfall, finger drills, ear training)  
Prepared book lines (50% of practice at home, play for parents weekly)  
Lower joint (delayed gratification, work to earn it, squeaks are ok)

## Other things to mention

Taking instrument home daily, if they have questions about how their child is practicing they can email you, private lessons, how parents can be involved in the program, upcoming dates (including summer band camp)  
- Leave time to pack up the instrument and let kids get pics with parents  
- Be positive and professional the whole time - parents are watching you!