

# 32 Making Your Class Contagious

## Demonstration Day

Full episode on Demonstration Day (Episode 19) at [CrossingTheBreak.com](http://CrossingTheBreak.com)

- Have parents record the performance of a recognizable line (duet/trio of possible)
- Have a backdrop available - "Proud Bulldog Band Member Class of 2023"
- Signs that say "Proud Band Mom, Dad, Grandma, Supporter" for parents to hold in a photo in front of the backdrop with their child.

## Performance Day

Students play anything they want with NO criticism

Leaders can work way ahead

- Video tape the kids' performances so they can share with parents/family
- Have ensemble performance day - take pics - post on bulletin board
- Create "Triggers" that remind kids how much fun band is and how many friends they have in band.
- Read the full article in the shownotes at [CrossingTheBreak.com](http://CrossingTheBreak.com)

## Drop Out Contest

Students all stand up and then sit down when they mess up (keep this positive and kids will be honest)

Start with no pressure/no stakes and raise the stakes as the year goes on.

At first use this as a quick class evaluation, later as a contest

- "Drop Out Champion" on the board - take picture of the student
- "Chromatic Champion" crown - wear for class and take a picture

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