Welcome to physics 212!

We hope you had a fantastic break, and are ready for a great semester.

This course has several components, and even requires you to do some work before the first lecture, so we wanted to give you a heads up via email.

Everything you need to know about the course can be found at our course website

http://courses.physics.illinois.edu/phys212/

The “Schedule” link is very helpful showing all of the course activities and when they are due. When in doubt, check this link. You will see that discussions begin the Tuesday January 15th, and labs begin Tuesday January 22nd.

Our first lecture will be Tuesday January 15th. To make the best use of our lecture time, we ask you to prepare by completing a prelecture and checkpoint before lecture. These are delivered via FlipitPhysics, so you will need to get access to this online system before you can do these activities. The course webpage tells you how to access these materials. Please set this up and do the first pre-lecture activities before 8:00 AM on Tuesday.

Note: You do NOT need to pay for FlipitPhysics access for 21 days, so we suggest you wait and pay only after you are sure your schedule is not going to change. Just sign up and start using it in "Demo" mode. All of your work is saved, and you can switch to “paid” mode anytime without losing any of your work.

You should also go to the Required Materials link of the course website – this tells you what else you need to buy for the class (i.e. your lab & discussion materials). Also note that we will be using a phone-based polling app (iclicker-reef) this semester. It will be free for you to use in physics 212 this semester. More information is available at the iClicker Information link on the course website. (Note, if you do not have a smartphone, or do not want to bring a smartphone to lecture please contact Tim tstelzer@illinois.edu, we will set things up for you to use the hardware iclicker.)

That's it for now.

We look forward to seeing you in lecture on Tuesday!

Professors Gil Holder and Tim Stelzer

(Your physics 212 Lecturers)