Dear Class,

I am very much looking forward to our first meeting of PHY 131 tomorrow. There are a couple of things you should do as soon as possible to prepare for our course:

1. Read over the syllabus, posted here on Blackboard (link below this announcement).
2. Get an account with smartPhysics (instructions are on page 1 of the syllabus); this will serve as your required online "textbook" and homework system.
3. Start the first online prelectures.
4. Get a copy of the strongly recommended PHY 131 textbook, Fundamentals of Physics (available at the Bookstore). Note that this book is also used for PHY 132 and 133, so it's a good investment. I am not requiring that you buy the textbook for this course, but I will base lots of my lectures on this book and assign you problems from it.

Please let me know if you have questions or encounter problems obtaining the above course resources.

Best,

Dr. Povich