

Honors Physics Bulletin #1: Honors Collaboration Night #2

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Dear Students,

I hope that you have been having a restful spring break, staying healthy, and keeping others healthy in the process. Please find below instructions, based on my earlier announcement about our class moving online until (at least) April 6, below.

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Question: What Timezone Are You In?

In reply to this announcement, please respond and let me know what timezone you will be in for Monday. For instance, if I were to reply to this announcement I would say "US Central Time".

I want to see how spread out we will all be for Monday. This will help me anticipate issues.

Honors Physics Collaboration Night #2

We will conduct the second Honors Physics Collaboration Night as much on-schedule on Monday night as we can. As usual, we will begin around 5:15pm and you should expect to participate until 6:30pm, to allow all teams to talk.

Each team gets 10 minutes to give their status report, leaving 5 minutes for questions. Please connect with your cameras on. Test your camera and mic before class to make sure this works for you (go to <https://smu.zoom.us>, (Links to an external site.) if you have not done so already, log in with your SMU credentials, and try Zoom by starting a meeting and making sure audio, video, and desktop sharing work for you.

The order of presentations (let me know if this is a problem):

- The Speedrunners
- The Miner League
- Team Pac-Man
- Team Echo
- Photons Go Phast

Each team will have 1 person who shares the slides (click the "Share" button at the bottom of the main Zoom window and select the whole desktop; then make your slides full screen. On a Mac, make sure that "Desktop Sharing" for Zoom is enabled in the main Mac OS "System Settings"). **You can have multiple speakers, but please make sure this is coordinated** in advance and make sure others in the team can step in if a speaker has audio problems, internet connectivity issues, etc.

Questions will be managed in the following ways:



1. **You can "raise your hand" in Zoom.** The graphic at the right illustrates what this will look like from your perspective. From the main Zoom window, click the "Participants" button at the bottom of the window. This pops up a new window, showing all participants connected to the meeting. Click the "Raise Hand" button in the lower left to go into the queue for a question. A blue hand will appear next to your name to indicate you are waiting to be called on. You can lower your hand from the same button after raising it.

OR

2. **You can write your question in the chat window.** The chat window can be found by clicking the "Chat" button at the bottom of the main Zoom window. This pops up a new window. From there, you can post in the "Everyone" feed your question. Ishwita and I will monitor chat for questions, and I will save the chat log after the meeting.
3. **Please wait to be called on to ask a question.** We'll go for a maximum of 5 minutes on Q&A, so if you don't get to ask your question you can post it in chat *OR* you can put it in the evaluation form (see below for the link) for the team.

Upload Your Slides

A shared folder on Box is ready for your slides:

<https://smu.app.box.com/folder/107612980370> (Links to an external site.)

Team Presentation Evaluations

As before, we will do this digitally. Everyone must turn in an evaluation for every team

except their own. This is how I will assess the fullness of participation.

(Links to an external site.)

Contingency Plans

If Zoom fails us on Monday, or if a team needs to participate in an asynchronous way, the alternative plan is for each team to record their presentation and provide me with a link to the recording. Zoom lets you create a meeting, have your team join, share the desktop of one of the team members, and record the desktop (showing slides), audio, and camera views of the team members. You can record to the cloud (click the record button at the bottom of the main window and select "cloud recording"). The video will be ready within about 24 hours; whoever created the Zoom room gets an email about the recording being ready. Please then share the recording link with me. I will make this available to all on Canvas for asynchronous viewing and review.

Regards,

Dr. Sekula