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**FW: notes on next week's Midterm #1**

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Dear 7A,

1. The formula sheets for Midterm #1 are now posted on the webpage. Refresh your browser for the Astro 7A main page and look under "Announcements" (or go to the problem set page; it's there, too).
2. Solution sets for all problem sets are posted. One way that I study for exams is to re-do all the homework problems over --- from scratch (meaning, a blank piece of paper), and then comparing my answers to the solution sets.  
  
I keep doing the problems until I can almost recite the solutions by heart --- at which point there is a good chance that something magical happens: I get a "physical feeling" for the physics. It can be incredibly tedious, but I can almost guarantee you that it works (but you can't cheat --- it has to be a blank piece of paper).
3. Our trusty grader has midterms of his own, so he will not be as fast grading this week. So the last homework (PS 5) will probably be handed back on next Wednesday's TALC (a day before the midterm). Of course, the solution set is now up, so you are welcome to look at that now.
4. I will be offering a Question-and-Answer session for the last 30 minutes of Tuesday's class. So come prepared with questions. There are lot of you and possibly more questions than I can answer, but we will try our best. This is the first year I am doing this (in all previous years we never had a review session during lecture), so I am not sure if it will be effective. Nevertheless I thought I would experiment in my never-ending quest to improve this class.
5. Practice exam questions will be offered by Nick and Eve. Wednesday's TALC will be a review session. And our office hours are always open for any kind of question. (Note there is no homework due next week).

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Cheers,

Eugene

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