
ADOPT-A-PHYSICIST STUDENT GUIDE

Over the next three weeks our class will be working in groups on a project called **Adopt-A-Physicist**, an activity organized by Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society. The purpose of this project is to learn about what people with physics degrees do in their careers.

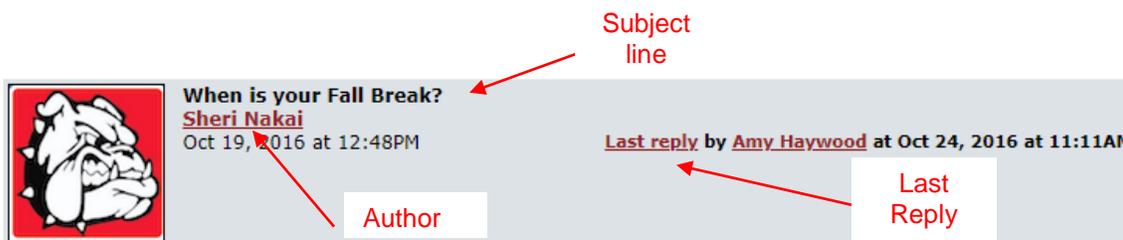
USING THE FORUM

To get to your forum, go to www.adoptaphysicist.org and login. You will need the following information:

School:
PIN:

After you login, you will see the list of physicists that your class has adopted. You can go to a physicist's forum by clicking on his or her name.

Inside your physicist's forum you will see at least one thread created by your physicist, there may be threads started by other students as well. A thread is a collection of posts on the same topic. For each thread you will see a subject line, the name of the person or class that created the original post, the original post, and a link to replies to this post. An example from a past session is shown below. Subject lines should always be as descriptive as possible. Start a new thread with a new subject line when you begin a new topic of discussion.



The screenshot shows a forum post with the following elements:

- Subject line:** "When is your Fall Break?" (indicated by a red arrow)
- Author:** "Sheri Nakai" (indicated by a red arrow)
- Last Reply:** "Last reply by Amy Haywood at Oct 24, 2016 at 11:11AM" (indicated by a red arrow)
- Post Content:** "One teacher asked me if the dates were set for October 2017. Her school will have Fall Break during these two weeks next year. Does our Fall Schedule affect the rest of you as well? I would really like to hear from you about your breaks. You can't get your students involved when they are not in school! Please reply to this -- your name and school will show, so you just need to tell us when your school in on break. Also if you have comments regarding this, feel free to share. I'd like to get a conversation going so we have good data when the Director sets the schedule. Thank you for your cooperation! Sheri Nakai"
- Replies:** "10 replies" (indicated by a red arrow)
- Actions:** "Reply to this post | Edit | Remove" (indicated by a red arrow)

You can view the profile of a user by clicking on his or her name within a post. You can view an entire thread by clicking on “View all # replies.”

[10 replies](#) [Reply to this post](#) | [Edit](#) | [Remove](#)

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Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Daniel Crowe - Oct 19, 2016 at 5:45PM)
Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Ioana Stoica - Oct 19, 2016 at 7:06PM)
Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Dr. Neiman - Oct 20, 2016 at 3:35PM)
Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Christine Lange - Oct 20, 2016 at 5:10PM)
Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Gillian Winters - Oct 20, 2016 at 7:31PM)
Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Lauren Lester - Oct 21, 2016 at 12:47PM)
Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Nicole Preiser - Oct 21, 2016 at 7:17PM)
Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Jenifer Lawrie - Oct 23, 2016 at 5:42PM)
Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Heather Hillesheim - Oct 24, 2016 at 10:05AM)
Re: When is your Fall Bre... (Amy Haywood - Oct 24, 2016 at 11:11AM)

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→ (Amy Haywood) Oct 24, 2016 at 11:11AM
Goes to physicist or teacher profile

You can reply to the main level post or a post within a thread by clicking on the “Reply to this post” link for the appropriate post.

 **When is your Fall Break?**
Sheri Nakai
Oct 19, 2016 at 12:48PM

One teacher asked me if the dates were set for October 2017. Her school will have Fall Break during these two weeks next year. Does our Fall Schedule affect the rest of you as well?

I would really like to hear from you about your breaks. You can't get your students involved when they are not in school!

Please reply to this -- your name and school will show, so you just need to tell us when your school in on break.

Also if you have comments regarding this, feel free to share. I'd like to get a conversation going so we have good data when the Director sets the schedule.

Thank you for your cooperation!
Sheri Nakai

Mrs. Sheri Nakai Gifted Educator McPherson County High Schools

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Daniel Crowe
Oct 19 2016 5:45PM

Our students have a four-day weekend ending on Election Day each year, but we don't really have a Fall Break.

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→ Reply to main post
→ Reply to reply

You can post to your physicist using the “Reply to this post” link within another post, or you can create a new thread. **In general, you should start a new thread if you are asking a question on a new topic and use the “Reply to this post” link if you are asking a question that relates to an existing thread.** You can create a new thread using the “Create a new thread” link, located at the top of your physicist’s forum page.

← Be descriptive with your title!

Post Title:

Post:

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Link to a URL or file on your computer. See below. Embed a picture Link to a Youtube video

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Keywords: (Optional)

You may attach keywords to your post. Use commas or semi-colons to separate multiple keywords.

Submit Post *

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The class PIN enables you to read and post to the class forums. In addition, it enables you to read (but not post on) all of the other physicists' forums as well. You can look through these by clicking on the "Browse Forums" link on your homepage. You can browse the profiles of all of the participating physicists by clicking on "Browse Physicists" on your homepage.

POSTING ETIQUETTE

- Do not ask your physicist more than a few questions at a time because it could be overwhelming. Also, be sure to answer any questions he or she asks you and thank them for their time.
- Before you ask your physicist a question, read through the other posts in the forum and make sure it has not already been asked and answered. If it hasn't, start a new thread with a descriptive title and then ask your question, or add your question in a related thread.
- Be respectful of your physicist even if you disagree with what he or she says.
- Inappropriate posts will be deleted and may cause your group to be disqualified from the project!

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

In addition to questions pertaining to your physicist's career and background, you may want to ask your physicist where to look for background information on his or her employer, pictures, movie clips, and anything else that would enhance your understanding of what he or she does. If your physicist wants to

send anything via snail mail (pamphlets or brochures), they should be sent to the school and include my name in the address. **Do not give the physicist your personal email or mailing address.**

I will be reading our class forums at least once a week and checking to make sure that your group is corresponding with your physicist on a regular basis, and that the content in your forum is appropriate for the purpose of this project.