Dr. J has set up a number of things so that students can improve their grades. If you take advantage of these tools, you will not only improve your grades, but you may even learn something – like oh my God (LOMG)! The tools are found in several places, but Dr. J would like to focus on those found on www.coursesites.com.

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There are bone us quizzes on each of the Lecture resources quizzes. In order to earn BONE US POINTS using this tool here is what you must do. 1. Study ahead of time so that you are prepared. 2. Print out the list of Possible Answers from www.coursesites.com for the appropriate quiz. 3. Use only the number of the answer that you believe to be correct in the answer box. You have TWO (2) chances at taking the quiz for bone us points. In one of those two times you must score 70 or better to get the bone us points. You can open your books or notes, but remember there is a 15 minute time limit on most of the exercises. Good luck! You can earn up to 8 points that will be added to your final score! The method for taking these practice quizzes will be the same as for the regular lecture quizzes.

Al Meehan and Dr. J created a very useful tool for the laboratory on www.coursesites.com. This should help you prepare for the labs while potentially improving your lab grade by bringing your practical scores higher. There are two parts. The first is a “Wish List” of structures you will be expected to learn in lab. Pictures and brief notes of importance for these structures can be found in the lab book of Dr. J and Lisa Miller. It is suggested that you study these pictures first. Then you can use the second tool “Prelab Quizzes”. This is unlike the lecture quizzes in two ways. 1. You can take these quizzes as many times as you like within the allotted period of time. 2. Your HIGHEST score will count when adjusting the lab practical grade. Once the allotted time is up a similar quiz will be available for PRACTICE but it will not count toward your grade.

Dr. J’s recommendation

I recommend that you use this web site every day. It should help you learn and excel in the class. Remember that the website is a work in progress and that it should get better over time. Your input is encouraged. If you encounter problems write to Dr. J at M5Bill@Yahoo.com. Thank you!

Jeopardy

You may all get to meet Superior Vena (Cava) White! Many students didn’t know that is how she spells her name, nor that she is actually Ms. Dr. J! She helped Dr. J create Jeopardy games for review prior to the written (wri-en) exams. Participation is voluntary and will be scheduled at a time that can benefit the greatest number of students and that is convenient for Dr. J. Teams will be formed among the participating students and bone us points will be awarded in an extremely generous way. NOTE WELL (NB)! Whining will be considered cause to eliminate the points that would otherwise be awarded. Consider these study tools to be a gift – take advantage of the opportunities and be happy that you have access to them! I look forward to a great semester working with you all!