

Tools For Learning

There are several opportunities for my students to enhance their experience in our journeys through Chemistry. They are technology driven and will be used throughout the year.

Website: <http://staff.fcps.net/jswango>

The first opportunity is the class's website. This website has several features that should be noted and used at your discretion. You could literally spend hours looking at everything, but here are some highlights.

- Calendar of Assignments - contains vital information on homework due dates, testing dates, and links to download homework assignments and lectures. Any of the class handouts that are electronic can be found at this link. Become familiar with it early and often. Also point it out to your parents. This is information that you both can use.
- Material Covered – contains old and new lectures representing material that will be covered this year. It's not a page that I keep as updated as the "Calendar of Assignments", but there are links on the "Material Covered" page that aren't anywhere else.

Email: jason.swango@fayette.kyschools.us

This is a tool that is becoming increasingly more useful. I have students emailing me assignments, questions, suggestions, jokes, inspirational thoughts, and much more. You might consider emailing me when you are absent to stay connected to the class.

United Streaming: www.unitedstreaming.com

I will be using this site often to embed videos into my PowerPoints for you, but why should I have all the fun. You can have as much access as I do, and use videos as study aids, presentations, and projects for my class, or any of your other classes. Follow these instructions to access the resources on this site.

- 1) In the Pass-Code area of the site, you will enter the following Pass-Code: 5186-934F.
- 2) Upon entering the Pass-Code, you will be instructed to register with the site. You are only required to enter a first name, and to come up with a username and password. Make sure it is something you can remember; you might be using this site again after this assignment.
- 3) Upon entering the information requested and submitting your information, the site will create an account for you and ask you to log-in.
- 4) Once you are logged in, you should see a page that has a search area on the right-hand side of the screen and a movie viewing screen on the left-side of the screen.
- 5) Choose a video clip, and you will have two options to view the clip. You can click on the blue circle containing the letter S, which will play the clip in the embedded windows player on the left side of the screen; or, you might click on the light blue circle containing the letter D. This will download a copy of the video-clip to play on your hard-drive.

iSchool: <http://ischool.fcps.net/>

iSchool is a free software e-learning platform (*also known as a Course Management System (CMS)*). It is designed to help educators create online courses with opportunities for rich interaction. It allows for file sharing, discussions, online quizzes, chats, blogs, announcements, surveys and much more elearning interactivity. We will use it periodically during the year. It is something you will need to enroll in.

Go to the website above and click login. Using your network login id's and passwords login to the iSchool website. Then find and click on our class under our school's list. You will be prompted for the enrollment key - if you enter it successfully, you're enrolled. Enrollment keys are case sensitive! Entering an enrollment key is required only once. The enrollment key is: "pldchem". Bookmark this site, you will be going here on occasion.

Quest E-Homework: <http://quest.cns.utexas.edu/student>

Quest is a new learning and assessment tool developed by the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin. It allows you to work on assignments anywhere and get immediate feedback when you submit answers online.

To access Quest homework you need to create a UT EID and then enroll in our course you need to first go to the website above. Then click on the "Getting Started" arrow. This will bring you to the University of Texas log-in screen. You want to click on "I Need a UT EID" link to the right of the log-in area. This will lead you to a screen that manages UT EIDs. You want to then click on "Get a UT EID". Follow the directions and fill out only the required (*) information. Upon completion of the directions you will be provided a UT EID. Remember your password and your EID! Now click on the link "Logon to UT" with your new EID and logon.

Once logged on you will need to enroll in the course. Click on the "Enroll in a Course" link. This will take you to a screen that says to enter your unique course #, which is 666668. Upon entering the number you will be taken to a screen with our courses information on it and a button that says to "Request Enrollment" in this course. Click that button. Then it is up to me to honor your request and enroll you. From that point on you will only need to go the site above and using your UT EID and password, logon. It will take you to the course site where you will find your assignments.