SATURN IS COMING

The Lord of the Rings is coming.

In the beginning of March Saturn is starting to appear at about 21h00 which is starting to be an acceptable time for students to make observations.

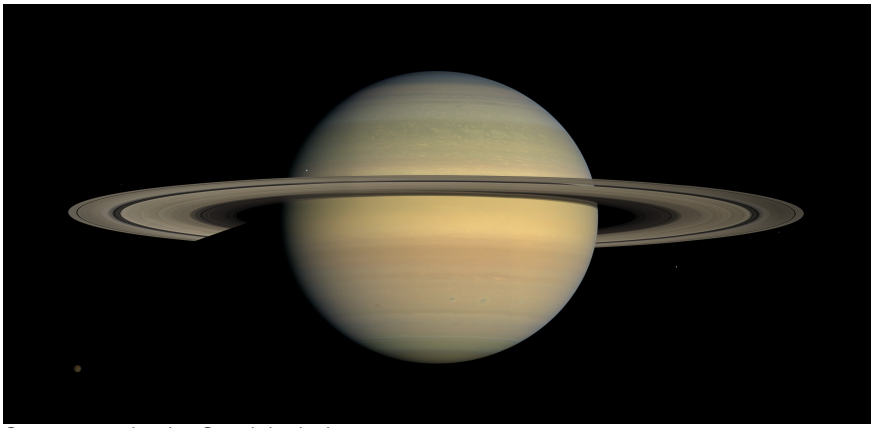
Nonetheless it will become possible to see it earlier during the next months.

Saturn will be visible above the Virgo and Corvus constellations as the brightest object of the East side of the sky.

Saturn at 21h30 in the beginning of March (07/03).This image was made using *Stellarium*.

A good project would be to try and see the retrogradation of Saturn before and after opposition. The opposition of Saturn will occur on March 21st, 2010.

Since Saturn's retrogradation period is of about 120 days, now is a good time to start observations.



Saturn seen by the Cassini mission.

This project should be motivational for students because Saturn is easy to find in the sky and is a wonderful sight even with samll telescopes. If you have a CCD camera, a webcam or a photographic camera it is an easy challenge that will surely mark the beggining of your students adventures on exploring astrophotography.

Have fun with Saturn along this month. If you take nice pictures send them to us that we will publish them with due credit.

Links:
Wikipedia - Saturn
NASA-Saturn