

## Horoscopes provide popular entertainment at RCHS

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Whether you read them purely for fun, or to tell the future, or even if you don't read them at all, horoscopes are one of the most widely published features in media across the globe. You find them in most newspapers and magazines, and now with the advent of the internet, people have access to thousands more.

Some people, such as Veronica Kirk, read them only for the entertainment value. "I read the horoscopes when there's nothing else to do. I don't really believe them too much," says the freshman.

However, as we talked, Freddy Robinson, a senior, piped up. "I read the horoscope 'cause I want to know what's gonna happen to me in the future. I believe in them."

Obviously, some people do take them seriously.

Some have religious reasons for reading or not reading astrological predictions. A recent member of the journalism staff, Brian Reynolds, wanted to discontinue the printing of horoscopes

because he felt that they went against God's teachings, but due to their popularity, they haven't been taken away.

Another person who refuses to read a mass media horoscope is

Nottingham practices Wicca (white witchcraft) and believes, "regular horoscopes mostly guess and make rough general predictions, but to actually forecast the future, it must be done on an individual basis."

Nottingham also believes in the use of Tarot cards and numerology.

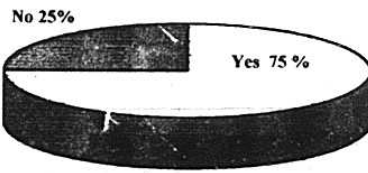
Ms. Dawn Quigley, a math teacher, doesn't read the horoscopes either. "It's not because of my Christian faith. Maybe it should be, but I really just don't have time. I don't like them that

much. When I get to that part of the paper, I'd rather do the jumble."

Your average horoscope is comprised of star alignments for the different zodiac signs. The basic idea behind astrology is that the movements of stars, planets, moons, and other heavenly bodies effect our day to day lives. When certain objects move into the houses, or areas of the sky in a sign, conditions supposedly become right for things to happen, such as romance, family issues, or financial deals.

Assistant Principal Betty Jo McKinney shared her thoughts on a possible reason for an accurate horoscope. "I think when you read horoscopes [after the fact], the creative mind makes connections to events that may or may not actually exist, thus blurring reality in an entertaining way."

Whether you believe in them or not, horoscopes have been around for thousands of years, and will probably continue to be around for thousands more. Just remember that they don't have to be taken seriously; after all, it's only guess work.



Percentage of students who read horoscopes at least once a month

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The sophomore says, "I'm against horoscopes. I think horo-



**Aquarius**  
1/20-2/18

Water Bearers are assertive, independent, and progressive individuals.

They tend to be classified as "thinkers", and sometimes over-analyze situations. This can be a problem, especially in relationships.



**Pisces**  
2/19-3/20

Emotions reign supreme for individuals born under the sign of the Fish.

Their intuitive nature makes them easy to confide in, and they are extremely compassionate. Romantic and dreamy, they can also be very impressionable.



**Aries**  
3/21-4/19

Rams are active, energetic, and optimistic. People under this vibrant

sign are talkative, and independent. These qualities make them natural leaders, but there is a dark side. Aries is ruled by Mars, the god of war; this gives Rams an aggressive streak which can be a source of conflict.



**Taurus**  
4/20-5/20

Bulls are much like their namesake: though often quiet and patient,

they are also fiercely determined, stubborn, and resistant to change. In other words, bull-headed. But inside the stubborn Bull is a romantic dreamer struggling to emerge.



**Gemini**  
5/21-6/20

If you are born under the sign of the Twins you are a lively, energetic, highly versatile individual.

You are naturally curious, and might have a tendency to gossip. A Twin may be a little superficial and tend to want more than one of everything.



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**Leo**  
7/23-8/22

If the Lion is your sign, power is your middle name. Leos are ruled

by the Sun and exude regal bravery, nobility, pride, vitality, and authority. Leos are enthusiastic, creative, and extravagant (they are prone to self-luxury).



**Virgo**  
8/23-9/22

People born under the sign of Virgo, the Virgin, are modest, practical

(they never let their heart take over), and discriminating. These perfectionists are highly intelligent and analytical, and their cool demeanor causes them to be described (incorrectly) as unemotional and detached.



**Libra**  
9/23-10/22

It is no coincidence Libra is the sign of the scales; harmony and di-

plomacy are the primary characteristics of people born under this sign. They can also be described as easy going and charming.



**Scorpio**  
10/23-11/21

Scorpios exhibit the best and worst human nature has to offer.

Highly imaginative, Scorpios are passionate, emotional, and intense. Idealistic individuals, they look for the best that is in others.



**Sagittarius**  
11/22-12/21

Archers are energetic, ambitious, generous, and open to all sorts of

new ideas. To an outsider, the Archer may come across as irresponsible and reckless, merely breezing through life. Ruled by Jupiter, ruler of the heavens, good fortune simply follows the Archers along and guides his bow to the bulls-eye.



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