

HOROSCOPE



ARIES
(MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Expect to pay more than anticipated for purchases. Don't hold back because you think you're old. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



TAURUS
(APR. 21-MAY 21)

Try to ease disappointments by making amends. Get out and visit friends. Emotionally you won't see things accurately. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Get domestic chores out of the way. Changes in your domestic scene are evident. Try to visit loved ones. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Property purchases should be on your mind. You'll be angry with other's selfish behaviour. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



LEO
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Seminars will provide you with knowledge and amusement. Risky financial ventures will result in unrecoverable losses. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Your peers may cause problems. Watch out for minor health problems related to stress. Try to scrap any ideas for gifts. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



LIBRA
(SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Get yourself back into shape. Social events will be successful. Unexpected events may upset your routine. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



SCORPIO
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Do your research before taking on a venture. Try not to overspend if you travel. Romance will unfold through business trips. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

All important details will be cleared up. Problems with female family members are likely. Rest and relaxation will be favourable. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Act on your initial instincts. Jealous attitudes may lead you astray. You can help a friend find solutions to personal problems. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



AQUARIUS
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Try not to leave things to chance. Be prepared to fall short of your expectations. Don't get into one-sided relationships. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



PISCES
(FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

You may have to explain your actions. Listen to a good friend's counsel. Don't emotionally blackmail a loved one. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

READER'S CHIT

What your child's teacher would like you to know

Do not, at any cost, let your child's confidence be crushed. Grades can be fixed and mistakes will happen at their age, but once their confidence goes, it will be a monumental task to rebuild it again

During high school, teenagers go through a transition that they do not know how to cope with. Some have their parents supporting them through this struggle but more often than not, they find it difficult to get past the communication barrier. In my career, spanning 3 years teaching O/A Level Biology – at first in Think Tank and now in Cerebro – I have seen numerous students coming to me for help and advice regarding their lives. The issues I will be discussing here have been brought up by the parents too in some cases.

Let them choose their careers

Your kids should be studying something they are passionate about. Since I teach Biology, a lot of students tell me that they do not want to be doctors and I should be telling their parents that. Right now, there are a lot of specialised careers to choose from, like digital marketing, big data analysis and such. In fact, when I was studying Biotechnology at Monash, it was a relatively new field that has now flourished. And finally, not everyone is cut out to be a doctor or an engineer. The rigours of the disciplines can be too much for someone who does not feel passion for it.

Teach them financial responsibility

Nowadays, it is very much possible for kids to have a part-time job during their senior years in high school. The money they earn from those jobs will teach them the value of a taka. There's a misconception that if a student is earning money, they will lose interest in their studies; infact it is the opposite. They will work extra hard to succeed in order to be financially independent throughout their lives. The bonus is that the student will grow up prepared

for a professional environment.

Help them financially but not all the time

It is not always your responsibility to bail out your children financially. A lot of times, kids end up spending on things like the latest smartphone, which they really do not need. However, you can always nudge them in the right direction. Encourage your children to apply for scholarships. Another thing that has to be mentioned is that if you are saving up for your child, make sure it is for their higher education and not their marriage. The former is far more important than the latter.

Build their confidence

Do not, at any cost, let your child's confidence be crushed. Grades can be fixed and mistakes will happen at their age, but once their confidence breaks, it will be a monumental task to rebuild it. Do not compare them to other kids, as it will put undue pressure on your child to be someone who they are not – this will absolutely destroy their confidence and could even lead to depression, among other things.

Let them use the Internet

The Internet helps your child know what is happening around the world and takes them a step towards becoming a global citizen, especially if they are looking to get an undergraduate degree abroad. Not only that, without the Internet, they might end up becoming social misfits. Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat help them create their own network. However, what you can do is limit the time your child spends on the Internet to stop them from becoming

social media addicts.

Guidance is important, but so is freedom

You need to look after your children and be aware of what they are doing but at the same time, you need to give them privacy as they are just developing their personalities and need space. Kids who are always kept on a tight leash end up rebelling once they find small windows of freedom. They are simply not used to independence. So instead of giving them a lot of freedom at once, slowly ease them into it while at the same time making sure they are responsible. Be the guardian they need but also understand that you cannot ensure 24/7 presence in their lives.

Extracurricular activities help for life

Whether it is music, sports, debate, or writing, encourage your child's non-academic interests. Do not stop these activities all of a sudden due to academic pressure. Skills gained from extracurricular activities help a person enrich their lives.

Be more understanding and open to discussion

During their high school years, teenagers start coming of age and the different emotions and changes can be difficult to cope with. This is when they need a person to talk to the most and this is when you need to be the friend they need. You will need to know what your child is going through and they need to know that they can come to you with anything. Bridge that communication gap.

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THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY

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Children Fest 2017

Date: March 16 – March 18, Thur-Sat

Time: Daylong

Venue: Bangla Academy, Dhaka University, 1000 Dhaka

Children occupy an important portion of every population. The future of the nation relies upon the level of care being provided to its children. They are the future, builders of their nation and everyone has responsibility to contribute to their all-round development. So, this initiative is one step towards proving our responsibility towards children. The first of its kind, the fair is aimed at spreading happiness among all children. You'll find Mini Children Park, Bengali Traditional Ride, Mesmerising Circus, Tech Zone (Drone & Robot Show), Grand Magic Show (Shahensha & Jewel Aich), Quiz Contest, Art Competition, Game Zone, Clown Dance, and a Grand Cultural Programme (Channel I KhudeGaan Raj, Colseup1 Singer, Jokes By Mirakkel Top Performer, Kumar Bishawajit, Porshi, Jolergaan,

Ferdous Wahid). Call for Stall Booking Or sponsors. 01689930293

Red Shift Open Mic

Date: Thursday, March 16

Time: 6:30PM - 9:30PM

Venue: Red Shift Coffee Lounge, Bays Galleria 5th floor, 57 Gulshan Avenue, 1212 Dhaka

Red Shift is hosting another session of Open Mic on the 16th of March, and there will be some surprise guest artists! This is a place where you can showcase your talents or just come to have some coffee while checking out the local upcoming talents. They are open to all types of acts. Procedure to perform is very simple, show up by 6:30PM, sign up to take a slot number, and perform! Hope to see you all there!

1st HOMECHEF-EXHIBITORS

Date: March 18, Saturday

Time: 12PM - 10PM

Venue: Emmanuelle's Banquet Hall, Gulshan 1, 1212 Dhaka

As The first ever Recipe Aggregator of Bangladesh, the Home chef has helped shine the light on Bangladeshi's thriving food scene. They have got our eyes and ears peeled for the city's most drool-worthy home cooked and newest food trends to hit the streets, bringing you an epicurean experience unlike any other.

The magnitude of culinary talent in home combined with the nation's trendsetting culinary masters, makes hope of huge attendance at the First Homechef Festival. With the theme, "cook @ Home and make money" the First Homechef Festival is going to be held on February 11th.

Exhibitor will be selected in three main categories: Homechef exhibitor- Home cook, Junior Home chef exhibitors, Home chef Marketplace- suppliers of appliance and ingredients. The "must-attend" festival gala—featuring food booths, unlimited Coke pours, homechef market, continuous demonstration from cooking masters, activity zone, instant contest and gratifying prize from partner brands and many more!

Screening of Rina Brown by Shameem Akhter

Date: March 14, Tuesday

Time: 6PM - 9PM

Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Chalachitram Film Society and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy invites you to a special screening of the film Rina Brown by renowned film maker Shameem Akhter to be held at 6pm on 14th March at the National Art Gallery Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.