

What does your screen name mean?

Nehpets4627

"It's my first name backwards and the last four digits of my phone number."

senior Stephen Hopkins

Happyfranchise12

"Happy is my nickname; franchise is me, Aaron Anderkin, Aaron Cash, JD Bussell and Marty Reagan; and 12 is my basketball number."

sophomore Austin Miller

PongoQuasi

"I chose this because I live on Pongo and Quasi goes good with it. I found Quasi in the dictionary."

junior Gretchen Phelps

ROCKETS1010

"I chose my screen name because it's our school mascot and 10 is my basketball number, only one 10 was already taken so I went with two."

senior Jeremy Neeley

ChrisPointMan12

"My name is Chris, my basketball position is point guard, and my varsity number is 12."

sophomore Chris Settles

Mojoluvscoby

"Mojoluv is my favorite drink (non-alcoholic) and I love Scooby-doo."

senior Katy Powell

FourIron

"I play golf and that's my favorite club when I play."

Ms. Robyn Johnson

Liz_Tuesday

"I made it this way because a long time ago I named my keyboard Tuesday and it had a little lizard sticker on it."

senior Kristie Whitter

Bingobananas

"Bingo's my nickname and I'm crazy so I put bananas."

sophomore Justin Rogers

CuddlesNoPoo

"Cuddles was my nickname and Poo was my boyfriend, then we broke up so I put 'no poo'."

junior Leslie Saylor

mamawamanda

"Most people know me by mamaw because that is what I was called my freshman year. I put amanda in case they don't."

senior Amanda Parker

RCHS students log on

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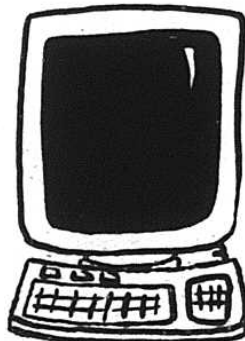
The world is available to teenagers at just the click of a mouse. Whether it's researching for a school assignment or conversing with friends, kids these days are constantly logging online.

Use of the Internet has increased in popularity for teenagers at RCHS, too. Many students enter their passwords into an Internet service every night to perform various tasks.

"When I'm online, I check my email and chat with people. Sometimes I do my homework," said senior Ashley Lawson, who is online about two hours every night.

Emailing, chatting, and homework seem to be the most popular uses for the Internet. But, why is it so popular with teenagers? Could it be that we find regular teen activities dull? We are kids of the technology era and computers are at our fingertips after all. Plus, according to some adults, we get bored very easily. Maybe the computer is a treatment for this.

Senior Stephen Hopkins said he logs on because "it's more interactive than TV," while Lawson does "to keep in touch with people."



Through emailing and chat rooms, the Internet has become a replacement to the telephone for many. It is the new-age way of communication and I can say, through personal experience, that teenagers at RCHS are using it as just that.

I am a self-titled "online junkie" myself and can be found typing into AOL Instant Messenger nearly every night. I'm addicted to this chat room and didn't even really enjoy talking on the phone before!

While most teens just want

to use the Internet for fun, such as chat rooms, it can also be helpful with schoolwork. The vast amount of information available is very beneficial to students working on a class assignment.

"[The Internet] gives me a wide selection from different resources in topics I look up," Josh Lyons, senior, said.

Sophomore Austin Miller finds the Internet useful for homework as well.

"It has helped me a bunch. I can find lots of information that I need for school quickly," he said.

While it can be helpful, there are also a lot of phony items on the World Wide Web, so it is important that students choose which site to get information from carefully. Remember that anyone can create a website and anyone can access the web. Always use good common sense when online.

The Internet may have come into existence in the late '70s, but it has become more popular within the last few years. Teenagers around the world dial up the net every night. Many students at RCHS, me included, are among those sitting at our computer desks, typing away.

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