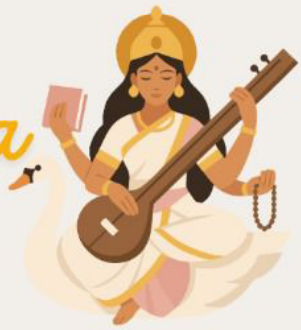
2nd Saraswati Puja ESSAY WRITING CONTEST



Celebrate Saraswati Puja with us by participating in our **2nd Annual Essay Contest!** We encourage all elementary, middle, and high school students to showcase their creativity and talent.

Entries will only be accepted through e-mail. Submissions via Facebook, text message, or any other form of communication will not be considered. No exceptions will be made.

Prompts:

- **Elementary School (Kindergarten-2nd Grade): If you could jump into any book, which character would you be and what would you do there?**
  - Word Limit: 30–100 words
- **Elementary School (3rd-5th Grade): If you could travel anywhere in the world (real or imaginary), where would you go and what would you discover?**
  - Word Limit: 30–100 words
- **Middle School (6th-8th grade): If you could invent a brand-new holiday, what would it be called, and how would people celebrate it?**
  - Word Limit: 100-250 words
- **High School (9th-12th grade): If your life had a soundtrack, what song would best represent your journey so far?**
  - Word Limit: 150–400 words

Deadline: All entries must be submitted to Disha N. via e-mail by **January 16, 2026 @ 11:59pm.**

Submission:

- Please submit your entry through this link: **https://forms.gle/sffEm2HWTCT17Lmj9**

Judging Criteria:

A panel of judges will review the essays blindly and evaluate them based on: Creativity, clarity and originality and how well the essay/short answer answers the prompt.

Prizes for each category:

- Winners will be announced during the cultural program at Saraswati Puja.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive prizes.
- Winning entries from each category will be featured in the 2026 Durga Puja magazine, *Anjali,* and be shared on Maitri's social media platforms.

We hope you enjoy participating in this celebration of creativity, as Saraswati Puja is all about honoring the talents and voices of young minds like yours. We can't wait to see what you create and your imagination! Please text Disha at 832-865-5484 if you have questions.