

**Saraswati Mahabhage Vidye Kamala Lochane,  
Vishwa Roope Vishaalakshi Vidyan Dehi Namostutey**

**Dear BSF Members,**

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year 2012. May the New Year bring good health, prosperity and happiness to all of our member's. It is hard to believe that the current executive committee has completed one successful year. We are grateful to each and every BSF member for actively and enthusiastically supporting each and every event of the past year. Your participation is very vital to our inspiration and success.

As we begin the new year, we are glad to announce that BSF is celebrating the auspicious occasion of Saraswati puja on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the **Hindu Temple, Casselberry**. We cordially invite you, your family and friends to attend the puja and take the blessings of maa Saraswati.

**Date and Time:** Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 10 am – 10 pm

**Venue:** Hindu Society of Central Florida (Hindu Temple)

1994 Lake Drive, Casselberry, FL 32707

Phone no: (407) 699-5277

**Registration:** Please make the check payable to “ Bengali Society of Florida” and mail it to the address below. All preregistration checks should be post marked no later than January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. Mail checks to:

**Soumya Chakrabarti, 3865 Haverhill Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33810.**

Please note that the platinum and gold members are free for this event but are required to notify Soumya Chakrabarti if they are attending the event.

	Pre-Reg.	Onsite
<b>Individual Member</b>	\$ 25	\$ 35
Kids 16 and Under	Free	Free
Students	\$10	\$20

**Cultural Program:**

Children and adults interested in participating in our cultural program may email their names to Aparajita Deb at [drchiradeb@gmail.com](mailto:drchiradeb@gmail.com). We are also organizing a “Sit and Draw competition” for children and a cooking competition for adults. Adults can bring in their favorite Bengali dessert for display and sampling by judges. The best two

desserts (taste and display) will win cash prizes. If you are interested in any of these competition categories, please email your name to Trishna Pati at [btapati@gmail.com](mailto:btapati@gmail.com). The age group and theme for the “Sit and Draw competition” are as follows;

Age group 2- 5, ( Theme - Sunset)

Age group 6-9, ( Theme- My Family)

Age group 10-14, ( Theme- My favorite animation character).

Winners – To be announced from each age group of 2-5, 6-9 and 10-14.

**\* Art paper will be provided by the committee. Participants need to bring their own art supplies.**

**Tentative Puja Schedule:**

Puja	10:00 am	
Hathey Khorī	12:30 pm	Contact Sheiladi for details
Anjali	1:00 pm	
Lunch	1:30-2:00 pm	Menu: Kichuri, Bandha kopi, Baja, Chutney , Prosad, Misti
Sit and Draw competition	2:30 -3:00 pm	
Cultural Program	4:00 pm	
Dinner	7:30 pm	Stay tuned for the next email

**Imp announcement:** BSF is celebrating **Holi** on **Saturday, March 10, 2012**. A non-veg lunch will be cooked at the venue. Veg option will be available for our vegetarian friends. The event is free to all our members and students. Please RSVP Ajay Chakraborty at [ajay1210@gmail.com](mailto:ajay1210@gmail.com) by **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

See you all at the Saraswati Puja.

Kind Regards,

BSF Executive Committee