

THE VALLEY WEEKLY

“IN SEEKING TRUTH YOU HAVE TO GET BOTH SIDES OF A STORY.”

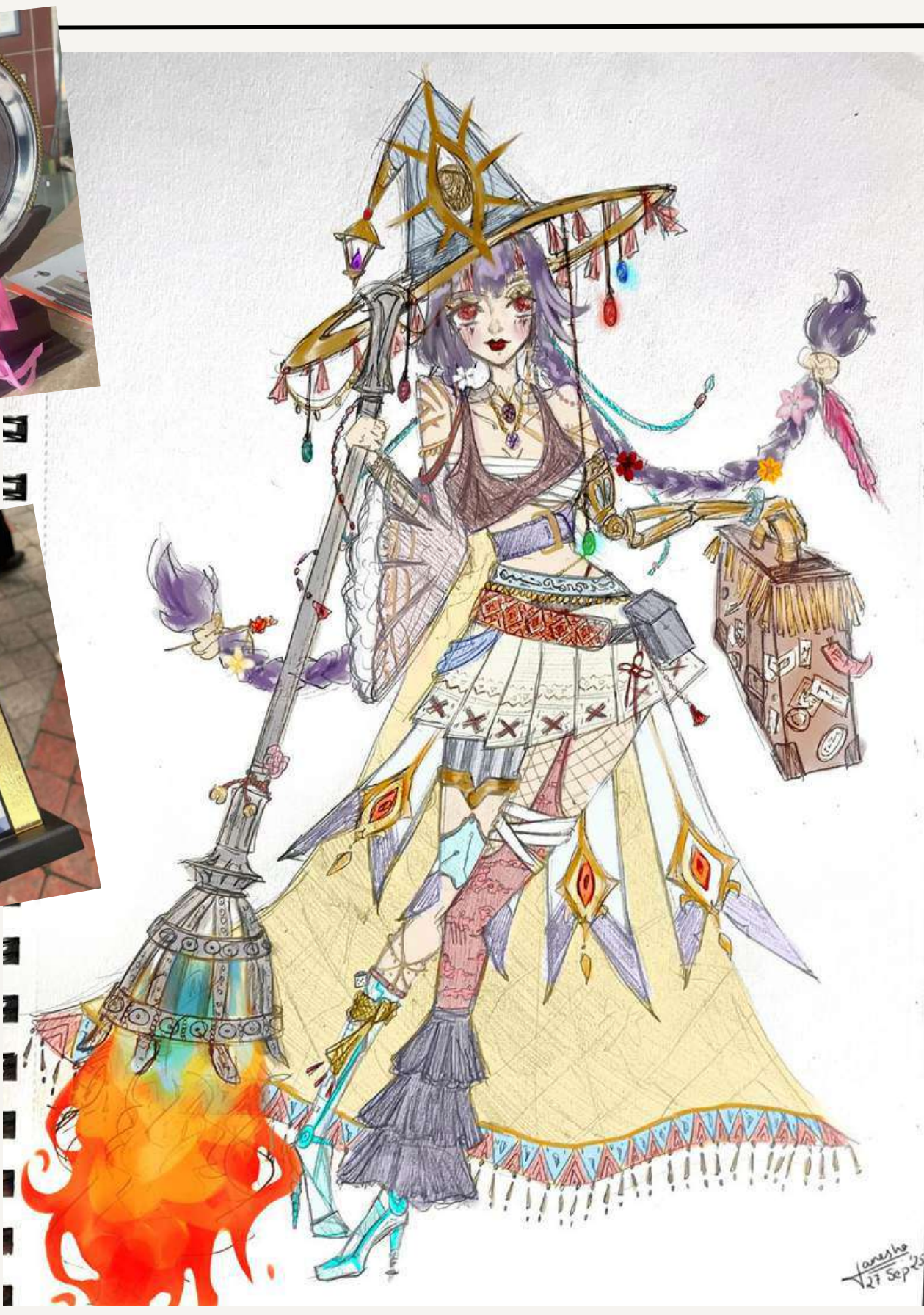
IN THE BLOOM THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

GD Goenka Literazzi 2025
Event- Echoes of the Self
Position- 2nd Place
Participants- Manasvi Mann Malik (XII Sarabhai), Mahir Arora (XII Sarabhai)
Event- Ted Talk
Position- 2nd Place
Participants- Samaira Bawa (X Chanakya)
WON ROLLING TROPHY!



HALLOWEEN

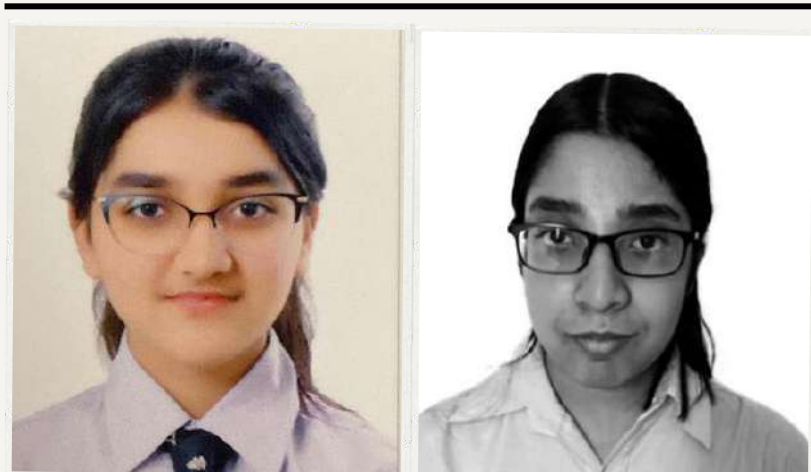
A DAY WHEN YOU CAN BE ANYONE



THE LOTUS LABYRINTH POP QUIZ

- 1) Which vegetable was originally used for a “jack-o’-lantern” before the pumpkin became popular?
 A) Cabbage
 B) Turnip
 C) Beetroot
 D) Potato
- 2) True or False: The holiday Halloween began as the Celtic festival Samhain, where people believed the dead would visit the living.
- 3) What is the single word for the Halloween custom of children going door-to-door asking for candy or treats?
- 4) One of the traditional Halloween colours — black — symbolises the harvest, while orange symbolises the darkness/winter.
- 5) In which U.S. state is pumpkin production the highest (according to many sources)?
 A) California
 B) Illinois
 C) Ohio
 D) Pennsylvania

1) b) turnip 2) true 3) trick or treat 4) false 5) Illinois



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ROOTS OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween has its origins in the ancient Celtic festival Samhain. This festival marked the end of harvest and the start of winter, a time when people believed the line between the living and the dead became unclear. The Romans later combined their own festivals, such as Feralia and Pomona, with Samhain. By the 8th century, the Church introduced All Saints’ Day, and All Hallows’ Eve eventually became Halloween.

Medieval traditions like “souling” and “carving turnip” lanterns turned into trick-or-treats and jack-o’-lanterns when Irish immigrants brought the customs to America, replacing turnips with pumpkins.

In the 20th century, Halloween changed from a focus on superstition to a community celebration. It became popular through parties, costumes, and candy.

Today, it is a global festival that combines ancient rituals, pop culture, and imagination. It is a night when fear becomes playful and the living honor the mysteries of death. Under the masks, Halloween continues to celebrate life, memory, and transformation.

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We captured snippets from the Spooktacular Soirée and interviewed students and mentors!

SPOOKTACULAR SOIRÉE

The spirit of Halloween came alive at LVISN on October 31, 2025, as students from all grades joined in for a day filled with fun, food, and fright! Excitement buzzed through the campus as everyone arrived dressed in creative Halloween costumes, from spooky witches and playful ghosts to classic pumpkins and imaginative characters.

The event featured a range of exciting games that kept everyone entertained. The Dart Game, Stacking Cups Challenge, and Throw-the-Ball-in-the-Pumpkin game drew cheerful crowds and friendly competition throughout the day.

Adding to the thrill were the food stalls serving up delicious Halloween-themed treats like Monster Cakes, Spooky Cookies, Garlic Bread, Burgers, and refreshing Drinks. Eerie decorations and glowing pumpkins transformed the school into a Halloween wonderland.

Beyond the fun and festivities, the celebration carried a meaningful message reminding students that “Monsters aren’t born, but made.” Through storytelling, costumes, and activities, children were encouraged to understand that what we often see as “monstrous” can stem from misunderstanding, loneliness, or hurt. By embracing this theme, LVISN aimed to teach the power of empathy, kindness, and inclusion. Helping students see the good in others and understand the importance of compassion in transforming fear into friendship.

