

Central New York Korean School opens

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The Syracuse University undergraduate Korean Drum Corps performs at the opening of the Central New York Korean School. Vivian Huang (left) plays the janggu and Andrew Kim strikes the jing. Others

performing with the group but not shown were David Kim, Tim Evans, and Clay Strange.

With the spirited clangings of bells and drums, the Central New York Korean School opened its fall season today at the First Baptist Church, 5833 E. Seneca Turnpike, in Jamesville. Around 30 people, mostly parents and their children, watched Syracuse University students demonstrate a traditional style of Korean drumming called Cheon-Ji-In, which will be taught in a new course open to the public this season.

"We're going to have a fresh and exciting semester, said Jongwoo Han, the school's principal.



David Lassman / The P-SPrincipal Jongwoo Han.

Classes take place on Saturday mornings. Apart from classes on Korean language, the school also offers courses on Korean art, pop culture, and history, open to children and adults, both Korean and otherwise.

Over the years, the school has had an average of 40 students registered during each semester. Many of the parents involved with the school have adopted children from Korea, and see the school as a chance to connect with the faraway land.

"The big point is to introduce the kids to their culture," said Michele Masten, who registered her son for the weekend classes.

The school was established in 1995. Although its main aim was to help children adopted from Korea learn the language and culture, anyone can enroll. The [Central New York Korean School's web site](#) has more information.

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acZR600 says...

this should help the nprocess of assimilation out.

Posted on 09/06/08 at 10:28AM

Sycho says...

Actually most Koreans go out of their way to assimilate. My son took Korean lessons from a local Korean family (first generation in the US) and they pride themselves on becoming part of the US.

Sorry, but I can't say that for some groups that illegally come here.

Posted on 09/06/08 at 11:01AM

lcr1 says...

What a great idea. I think every culture should have their own school and we all could have knowledge of all different cultures and their language.

Posted on 09/06/08 at 12:01PM

bvillager196 says...

This is a wonderful idea, and not at all new. Weekend Hebrew school and Chinese language classes have been held for years. Learning your heritage and being multilingual only expands one's horizons. Bravo!

Posted on 09/06/08 at 2:39PM

bakerryan says...

I thought segregation was illegal? or is that just for African-Americans? Just curious?!

Posted on 09/06/08 at 5:01PM

wadescott42 says...

What!!!

They bombed Pearl Harbor now they are buying our schools?!!!

Just kidding, I agree, Koreans are very lovely people. Have spent years in Seoul/Busan and really enjoyed myself.

Posted on 09/06/08 at 7:54PM

bse5150 says...

No, it was the French who bombed Pearl Harbor in 1963 and if you knew anything about history, you'd know that's why there aren't any pearls there any more. Try watching the History Channel once in a while and maybe you'll learn something.

Posted on 09/06/08 at 11:45PM

lakerman1 says...

No, bse, the french bombed pearl harbor in 1962! The Islamofascists bombed pearl harbor in 1963. For God's sake, what has happened to the teaching of history in this great country???

Posted on 09/07/08 at 8:12AM

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