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Beekman Charter School announces reopening plans

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In preparation for the start of the 2020/2021 school year, Beekman Charter School has released their guidelines for reopening amid the Coronavirus Pandemic.

During phase 2, which is the current phase in Louisiana, Pre-k through second grade will return to school for full-time in person learning five days a week. Third grade through twelfth will utilize a mixture of virtual and in-person learning, going to school at least two days a week.

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PVA releases plans for school reopening

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Prairie View Academy of Bastrop released guidelines on June 30 for the reopening of their campus in the fall.

Principal Kelly explained in a letter that PVA's plan is to return to school as normal while taking a number of safety precautions. "Our plan is to be open for classes Monday through Friday with normal hours. We will begin in the morning by checking the temperatures of students in their first hour classes with wall mounted infrared thermometers that will be located in each classroom."

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Registration, sponsorships for Chemin-A-Haut Trail Run and Walk to open soon

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Those interested are encouraged to sign up for the Trail Walk and Run. Here, participants prepare to start the race at the first Trail Walk and Run held.

The Morehouse Innovation and Technology Alliance will be holding their annual Chemin-A-Haut Trail Walk and Run on Saturday, October 17, and registration and sponsorship opportunities are now open.

The event, according to the Trail Walk and

Run Eventbrite page, includes a four-mile run and a one-mile walk. People can enter in teams of a minimum of five people or individually. "If you enjoy the beauty of nature, then this event is for you. We welcome church groups, scouts, fami-

lies, and schools to our Annual Chemin-a-Haut 4 Mile Trail Run and 1 Mile Walk."

It was explained that participants will be able to "enjoy the unspoiled beauty that one of the oldest and most natural state parks in Louisiana has to offer as they

enjoy the comradery of friends. People will pass by thousands of years old cypress trees, and run along the "high road," the same route used by Native Americans centuries ago in their seasonal migration."

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Reverend Fleming discusses new homeless shelter at Lion's Club meeting

Local Reverend Christie Fleming is in the process of opening a homeless shelter in Bastrop, and she discussed the shelter at the Bastrop Lion's Club meeting on Thursday, July 17.

Reverend Fleming introduced herself informing the members, "I moved to Bastrop from San Francisco three years ago. I was at Christ Church and now work for the Diocese of Western Louisiana."

She explained that she has experience working with the homeless in San Francisco and San Diego and noted, "The homeless are more underground here, and I am blessed to have formed a relationship with

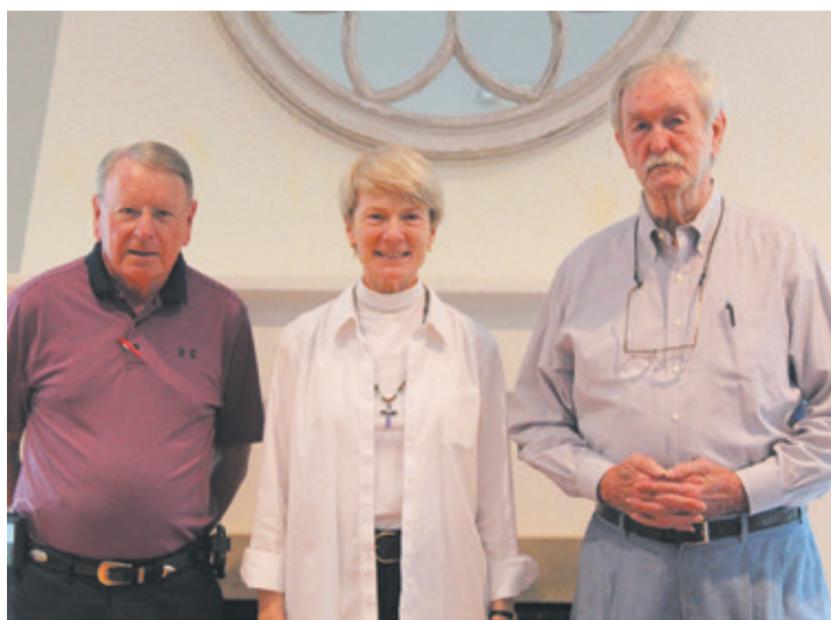


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Reverend Christie Fleming spoke to the Bastrop Lion's Club members about the new homeless shelter coming to Bastrop. Pictured are Lion's Club President Mike Wooden, Reverend Christie Fleming, and Lion's Club Member Jack Caughley.

some of them."

The Lighthouse homeless shelter has been an ongoing proj-

ect of hers for several months. Reverend Fleming stated that at first, "it will be a day-

time shelter as we don't know how many beds we need yet." The shelter will be located

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Morehouse Parish School Board releases guidelines for school reopening

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School will be starting back soon in Morehouse Parish, and in preparation, the Morehouse Parish School Board has released the guidelines the students and teachers will be following in an attempt to ensure safety during the Coronavirus pandemic.

It was noted in the introduction to the guidelines, "Our ultimate goal and objective is to provide the healthiest and safest environment for our students and faculty. The plan is based on the conditions and protocols released by the Louisiana Department of Education, Louisiana Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control."

The school system will offer three options: virtual learning, traditional on-site learning, or a hybrid of both. Those participating in on-site learning will follow the CDC and government guidelines. This includes "all screening, precautionary, social distancing, hygiene, and sanitation procedures prescribed by local government agencies and health organizations."

As stated in the CDC guidelines, students and teachers are encouraged to wash hands frequently as well, sanitize their environment often, and monitor for illness. Students and teachers will have their temperature taken each day, and parents are asked to monitor their children as well.

Superintendent David Gray explained of on-site guidelines, "Masks will be mandatory for third grade and above, but we will ask kindergarten through second grade to wear a mask on the bus." Teachers and employees will also be required to wear masks. He also stated, "We will err on the side of caution

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