



Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

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Dear St. Francis Xavier School Families,

I am reaching out about an important development related to the construction of [Holy Trinity Academy](#), which will have a direct impact on St. Francis Xavier School. Many of you are aware that as part of the project preparations, the current playground at St. Francis Xavier School will be removed to make way for construction.

As this change will have a significant impact on staff and students, I want to personally address the most recent timeline of the removal and construction. The new school project is set to break ground this spring. **This means that the current school playground will remain in place until the spring of 2025.**

We understand that playgrounds are an essential part of the school experience, especially for our students' physical and social development. Therefore, we want to assure you that the division and school are working closely together to create alternative options for recess and outdoor activities once the playground has been removed. Our priority is to ensure that all students have safe, engaging spaces for play until the new school is complete.

We are committed to keeping St. FX staff and families informed as the project progresses and will continue to provide updates on construction timelines and impacts on school routines as information is made available. I want to thank staff, families, and students for the continued patience and ongoing support as we work towards the building of an incredible new school for our community.

All Holy Trinity Academy updates directly related to your school can now be accessed on the St. Francis Xavier School website homepage. [Click here to view the page.](#)

Warm regards,

Dr. Dwayne Zarichny
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