



**SCS**

Steinbach  
Christian  
School

STARTING FALL 2026

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**GROW FROM HOME  
PROGRAMMING**

**STEINBACH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

# EARLY YEARS

## GRADE 1-4 PROGRAM

We're excited to announce we have received enough interest to officially hire teachers for our Grade 1-4 Program and **registration is now open!** The Grade 1-4 Program will accept a maximum of 18 applications at the Grade 1-2 level and 18 at the Grade 3-4 level. The cost for this program is \$250 / month for 10 months.

Students will receive instruction in English Language Arts, Math, Bible, Physical Education, and Music. This is a curated blend of literacy and numeracy, paired with specialized subjects, to support keeping afternoons free for additional enrichment, family time, or alternative learning opportunities.

We are excited to introduce our incredible teachers, who are ready to inspire and support Grade 1-4 students every step of the way!



**GRADE 1-2**

Hello! My name is Trudy Smeltz. I live in Niverville with my husband, Clayton, and our three sons, Josh, Ryan and Cam. When we are not cheering the boys on in hockey, baseball, volleyball and soccer, we enjoy time outdoors - hiking, boating, and downhill skiing, and cherish time with our extended families.

My Christian faith is central to my life and I have found joy serving my God as a pianist for our worship team, as a KidLife leader and program coordinator, as a Wee College leader, and as a parent leader for a youth missions trip to Brazil. I have a heart for children and a passion for education and have taught Grades K-3 and literacy support in Winnipeg, Kleefeld, Niverville and Steinbach. I feel so blessed to have this opportunity to bring together my love for children, teaching and the Lord as I guide and support students on both their educational and faith journeys. I can't wait to be a part of what God is going to do in this Christ-centered community.



**GRADE 3-4 & PE**

Hello! My name is Bonnie Taylor, and I am excited to be a part of the SCS team! I have been teaching in the HSD for 30 years, 20 years as a substitute teacher and a few terms, and the last 10 years as an Early Years classroom teacher. I am married to Stephen Taylor, and we have 4 adult children, two of whom are married. I love new adventures!!! I have travelled several times to Europe, Australia, and Mexico, various parts of the U.S., and every province of Canada, except the territories. I enjoy reading, spending time in the great outdoors, hiking and biking, canoe trips, more recently quilting, and spending time with my friends and family. I have watched and cheered for many hours of hockey, volleyball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and now jujitsu, supporting my kids from childhood to adult life. I am looking forward to starting a grassroots adventure with SCS and feel so blessed to be able to organically share my love for Jesus with the students I will be working with.

# PARTIAL PROGRAMS

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Families who are looking for partial programming options can explore the courses below:

**Choir and Physical Education Program:** Students enrolled in the Choir & P.E. Program will receive two hours of Choir and two hours of Physical Education each week for \$100/month. Billing for this program will take place annually.



### CHOIR

My name is Katie Schroeder. My husband Jon and I live in Blumenort, and have one beautiful daughter (Ameera) who will be starting Kindergarten this fall! I was a Music Teacher at Woodlawn School for over a decade, and then took a few years to be home with my daughter. While being home, I have had the flexibility to teach and share music in the community through teaching voice lessons, conducting the Steinbach Children's Chorus, being a music clinician for SAC, as well as teaching preschool music! Music is my passion, and Christ is my everything! I'm really looking forward to combining the two by working in a faith-based environment in which I can foster a love of music in a God-centered way!



### GRADE 5-8 PHYS. ED.

My name is Scott Reimer. I have been teaching at SCS for two years and prior was in HSD for 17 years as a teacher and vice principal at schools in Landmark and Steinbach. I love Jesus and the living hope that comes from abiding with Him. I am excited about working at SCS next year and look forward to the challenge of bringing this living hope deeper into the hearts of students. I currently live in Steinbach with my wife Stephanie and my four children. I am involved in my local church, love travelling and canoe tripping with my family, and playing sports like underwater football when I can find the time.



### GRADE 9-12 PHYS. ED.

My name is Dylan Zacharias. I have been teaching at SCS for 6 years and my wife and I live in Niverville. Over my 6 years at SCS, I have taught Grade 9-12 Physical Education, Grade 10 Science and Essentials Math, and most recently, a new Grade 12 Marketing course. My wife and I enjoy coaching volleyball together both at the High School and Club level. I am very excited to support and help teach the Grade 9-12 Phys. Ed program.

## TIME TO APPLY

Registration for all the programs is now live! The first round of applications will be processed in June, your early commitment helps support our teachers as they prepare for Fall 2026.

On average, 40% of tuition is eligible for donation receipting, helping reduce the overall cost for families. Early commitment ensures the program launches smoothly and with excellence.

Visit [steinbachchristian.ca/grow-from-home](https://steinbachchristian.ca/grow-from-home) to apply today or scan the QR code.



## PROGRAM LOCATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

We have partnered with Steinbach EMC to use their classrooms to support our learning spaces, and their rehearsal and gymnasium for our specialty classes. Beyond the physical spaces, we are working with our teachers to make any required purchases to support both their classrooms, choir space, and gymnasium to ensure all courses run smoothly.

## THE SCHEDULE

The Grade 1-4 Program will run Monday - Thursday from 9am - 12pm. Students will participate in ELA, Math, Bible, Phys. Ed. and Music during this time. There will be a scheduled snack time / break mid-morning for all the students to get together and enjoy community.

The Choir & Physical Education Program schedule will also run during the mornings from Monday - Thursday. Students will come to Steinbach EMC for two hours twice per week where they will receive one hour of PE and one hour of choir back-to-back. This ensures the best time efficiency for parents and students in this program. Exact days and time slots will be sent out once registration closes and class sizes are determined.

## PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Our Principal / CEO will also provide support in these programs to ensure the teachers and students have the best experience.



### PRINCIPAL / CEO

My name is Thor Barkman. I have served as a teacher and administrator in several countries around the world—experiences that have shaped my commitment to Christian education and strengthened my sense of urgency to provide educational choices for parents.

My wife, Michelle, and I have three children, and we are raising them to pursue Truth as it is presented in the Bible. We live on a farmyard and enjoy growing corn, pumpkins, and flowers.

I am encouraged by the growing interest among parents who desire an education grounded in a Christian worldview. SCS supports families in prioritizing faith development while also encouraging excellence in academics; we are confident that lasting and meaningful results will follow.

My hope is that the programming options we are developing will be useful and enriching for your family, and I look forward to shaping them together with you.