

## Press Release

### Steinbach Christian School Announces Option for K-4 School in Niverville

**Niverville, February 12, 2025** – Steinbach Christian School (SCS) is excited to announce a new opportunity for K-4 education in Niverville. Following months of prayer, discernment, and dedicated effort, they are excited to embark on this new chapter in providing Christian Education for the South-East region.

"The next crucial step is for parents to commit to enrolling their children," says Principal Thor Barkman. "If we receive enough applications, we will make a final decision about the feasibility."

SCS has an exciting lineup of staff who have expressed interest in being part of this. They will not hire until they know that they have the students. However, SCS is overwhelmed by the quality of the teachers ready to contribute to their community.

During the 'Expression of Interest' phase, SCS received 60 applications for K-4, with an additional 20 expressing future interest for their 3 and 4-year-olds. To proceed with the school opening in the fall, SCS will require a commitment from enough students for a sustainable operation. We expect classes to be in the range of 15 students to 1 teacher.

Applications for the Niverville K-4 school are available online and must be submitted by March 14, 2025, along with a tuition deposit of \$1950. This deposit will enable the school to move forward with infrastructure development, teacher recruitment, and other necessary expenses. The deposit is fully refundable if there are not enough applications to proceed for Fall 2025.

For students in Grades 5-12 interested in Christian Education, SCS is offering the option of a bus service from Niverville to SCS and back. The anticipated user fee for this service is approximately \$12 per day, aimed solely at covering the costs of the bus shuttle and driver fees. "We want all families and students to have access to Christian Education," says Barkman. "While we can't offer 5-12 now, it doesn't mean in the future Niverville won't have it. For the time being, we will explore our options to get students to SCS."

Board Member Charlotte Barkman added, "SCS has approached each step of this process with prayer and faith, and we are grateful for the doors that God continues to open."

Steinbach Christian School invites parents to join them in this journey by stepping out in faith, submitting applications, and praying for the future school, teachers, students, and the ongoing planning process.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://steinbachchristian.ca/niverville-christian-education>