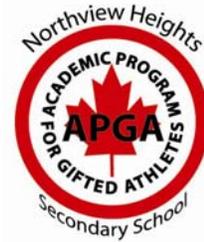


## Academic Program for Gifted Athletes (APGA).....the “ultimate dream”.

APGA is very proud of its success in helping its athletes achieve a balance between sport and academics during their high school years. Some athletes even achieved one of their “ultimate dreams.” APGA and the Northview staff have the privilege of contributing a small part to that dream each year.



The 2012 Summer Olympics are fast approaching and both current and APGA alumni are working hard in giving it their all. Our alumni Rebecca Lee Bentham who earned an athletic scholarship in golf from The University of Texas last year has succeeded in making one of her dreams come true. She recently was competing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round qualifier of the LPGA and was the only remaining Canadian in the field. She graduated last



year from Northview like our Matthew Stinson. Matt last year attended Winthrop University in South Carolina on an athletic scholarship in soccer. Matt returned to Canada to play for the under 19 Canadian National Soccer Team in the hopes of qualifying for the World Cup last year. Despite Canada’s lack of success in their World Cup bid Matt was ecstatic when TFC asked him to sign and become a professional with their club. Alumni Peng Peng Lee has deferred her athletic



scholarship in artistic gymnastics from UCLA. She is currently on the Canadian Senior National Team and is going through pre Olympic trials in preparation for the 2012 Summer Olympics. On the academic side of things Arankan Balaranjan has just completed his first year of medical school straight out of high school.



He is playing tennis and attending **KMCManipal University in India.**



Currently enrolled in the APGA program is Jocelyn L. She is a senior national level swimmer who specializes in backstroke. She is working hard and hopes to qualify at the pre Olympic swim trials this January. Louis W. is our table tennis specialist. He was training in China with the Canadian Team. In



July he was ranked in the boys under 18 in the top 3 in Canada. He has now qualified to be on the Canadian Team and is participating in the World Junior Championships in Panama, Bahrain. He too has his sights set on making it to the 2012 Olympics.

At the junior national level we have two marital artists who are doing exceptionally well. Both



returned from their first international competition this October. Nicholas C. (Taekwondo) returned from Las Vegas where he had an amazing 9<sup>th</sup> place finish. Maryam B. (Karate) was competing in Chicago at the Fonseca Cup where she placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in kata and



5<sup>th</sup> in kumite. She is excited with her fine results. Both Maryam and Nick have already qualified for the 2012 Canadian Junior Nationals which will be held in BC next year.

APGA currently has 71 athletes who all love their sport and have big dreams. They have heart and dedication as they go to practise and give it their all. Even when they are not 100% healthy, injured or just running on empty they go. These athletes know what “being part of a team” means because they have three important support teams in their lives. Their Northview teachers (school), their parents (home) and their coaches and teammates (athletics). Together everyone supports and guides them over their next few years of high school. Each year many APGA alumni come back after graduating and share what they are currently doing. For many the dream of succeeding in sport was that ultimate dream while stilling having an academic fallback while for a few it becomes a reality. The goal for the APGA athletes always was and is to through sport to continue to developed all the wonderful attributes that athletics has to offer and apply that to and balance it with their academics. That is what APGA is for.

Northview will be hosting its Specialty Information Night Nov 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. If your son or daughter is currently in grades 8-11 APGA might be just the program for them. Information about our CyberArts and Honours Math Science and Technology will also be presented at that time. We look forward to meeting you and giving you an application for 2012.