



Pilot Rob Mitchell remembers receiving his “most improved” award as a Grade 7 student at St. Hubert School.

Pilot Flies Over Former School

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North Bay ON - Rob Mitchell was the “most improved” student in Grade 7-C at St. Hubert School in 1981. “Hard work gets you places,” he said. For Mitchell, thirty years later, that place is high in the sky directly above his former school. The Snowbirds pilot and team lead waved hello to St. Hubert students and staff yesterday as he flew his plane over the school during a practice run.

Once landed, he made his way to school to speak to students about pursuing dreams. “Working hard in school to get a good education is key to living out your dreams,” he said. Mitchell encouraged students to be proud of their goals and to share them with the audience. “A rock star!...a video game store owner!...a policeman!...a pilot,” students shouted. “Have you ever lost control of your plane,” one student asked. “Yes, I pushed my plane too hard once,” Mitchell said. “But it taught me to respect the limits, and that’s an important lesson that applies to all of us in everything that we do.”

Major Mitchell has over 3,700 hours of flying time on the CF-5, CF-18 and CT-114 aircrafts.

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