Female Blue Angels Officer Shares Her Story with All-Girls Saint Joseph Academy Students

CLEVELAND, OH – On Saturday, the Blue Angels will fly into Cleveland for their much-anticipated Labor Day air show over Burke Lakefront Airport. Yet before a single F/A-18 Hornet engine fires up, United States Marine Corps (USMC) Capt. Corrie Mays, one of the Blue Angels 16 elite officers, will visit Saint Joseph Academy and speak with the school’s 800+ young women, faculty and staff. The all-girls high school assembly will take place on Friday, September 2 from 8:15 a.m. to approximately 9:15 a.m.

During the assembly, Capt. Mays will present a short video on the Blue Angels history and take questions from the students, including sharing details on the career path that led her to the elite flying team. “Our all-girls school environment helps our young women excel academically and empowers them to set their goals high. We’re excited to welcome Capt. Mays, who has achieved so much in her career and whose message will be a first-hand example of how always doing your best can lead to unimaginable possibilities,” says Saint Joseph Academy President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71.

Capt. Mays joined the Blue Angels team in September 2014, after accumulating more than 800 flight hours and earning various unit awards. A graduate of the University of Georgia, Capt. Mays was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in 2006. She completed Naval Flight Officer Training in the T-6 Texan, T-1 Jayhawk, T-39 Saberliner and the T-45 Goshawk, receiving her wings of gold in November 2009.
From there, she continued to accelerate her training and career with various assignments including the Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101 — the "Sharpshooters" — where she began her initial training in the F/A-18 Hornet. She also participated in many multinational exercises around the world.

According to the Blue Angels website, “the Blue Angels represent the finest from the Navy and Marine Corps. Each member, whether officer or enlisted, is hand-picked from the fleet to be part of the Blue Angels team.” The Blue Angels will perform at the Cleveland National Air Show September 3, 4 and 5.

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Now in its 126th year, Saint Joseph Academy is the only Catholic high school for girls in the City of Cleveland. With a current enrollment of more than 700 young women, Saint Joseph Academy is rooted in the spirituality of the Congregation of St. Joseph and works to foster unifying relationships with God and all creation. Each young woman is empowered to achieve academic excellence, and inspired to a life of compassionate leadership and service in a global society. Saint Joseph Academy is located at 3470 Rocky River Drive in Cleveland. For more information, visit [www.sja1890.org](http://www.sja1890.org) or call 216.251.6788.