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Dear [Letter Salutation]:

I am writing to you today to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your support of Charles Wright Academy. As we navigated the challenges of this past school year, our community came together in new ways, but always with the Tarrier trait of perseverance front and center. Not only did we persevere, but we found new ways to nurture our students and provide experiences that helped them develop character, creativity, and confidence.

Here are just a few ways that CWA students in the milestone classes adapted their learning in response to the challenges presented during the pandemic.

- Fifth graders developed their critical thinking skills as they undertook a two-month-long project-based learning activity about isolation and connectedness during the pandemic. As stewards of their community, they wrote research-based argument essays and delivered presentations to school leaders with recommendations for fostering relationships between classmates. The ideas they shared ranged from having next year's sixth graders put together a monthly newspaper to starting a Lower School stuffed animal lending library.
- The much-loved eighth grade Wearable Art Fashion Show returned, to the delight of our students and families. Collaborating closely with clients, students identified the needs and opportunities to reflect each client's interests and personalities. They designed and fabricated innovative and elaborate costumes, turning their visions into realities.
- Seniors made the best of a challenging final year of Upper School and explored new learning opportunities, such as online one-act plays and music videos for Postcards from the Pandemic, virtual and in-person community events, and research projects. They impressed us with their thoughtful decisions for the next stage in their journeys.

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**Thank you for your tremendous impact on the lives of CWA students.** This year I was in awe of the generosity of our community as donors, volunteers, and partners. As we move into the year ahead, I am heartened to know that our community is filled with people like you who care deeply for students. Together we are committed to our mission for active, joyful learning.

I hope you enjoy this special edition of Ties Magazine to celebrate the many milestones of our students. Please know that these moments were made possible, in part, by the support of this great community.

With deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Rice". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Rice".

Susan Rice, P'36  
Head of School

P.S. Charles Wright Academy relies on donations from families like yours to continue to offer stellar learning experiences inside and outside the classroom. Please consider making your 2021-2022 gift to the Annual Fund today at **[charleswright.org/give](https://charleswright.org/give)**.