

WESTWIRE

West Word, Spectrum mark

1973-74

The boys' cross country team was called the "most talented team in Niles West history" as they not only won the division, but also the Central Suburban League championship.

1978-79

The girls' basketball team won the very first Illinois basketball state championship. The team featured current physical education teacher Rebecca Tuecke.

1979-80

Niles East High School was closed, and the students were dispersed among Niles North and Niles West.

1981-82

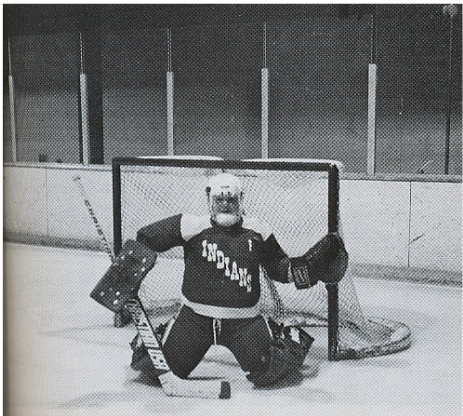
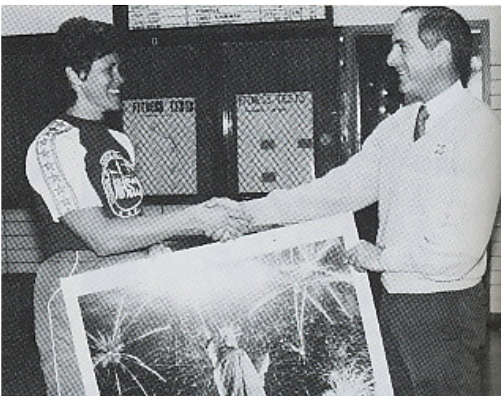
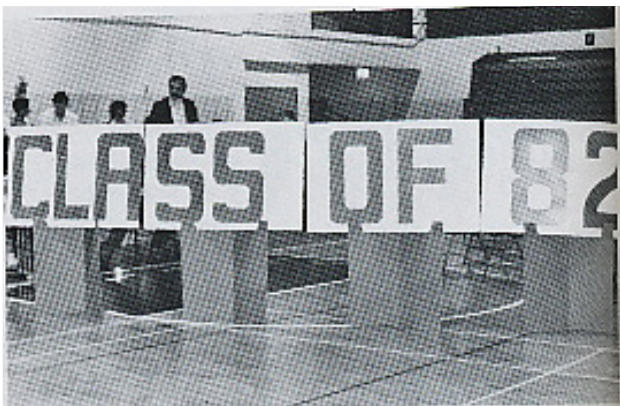
The first senior assembly, which was held to recognize the success of the senior class, was held on Oct. 29.

1985-86

West hosted an event called Run for Liberty to raise money for the restoration of New York City's Statue of Liberty. All proceeds went directly to the restoration.

1986-87

In order to explore new cultures, West founded the Korean and Chinese clubs. Also new to West, the Nighthawks, a combined Niles West and North hockey team, ended the season with an overall record of 18-13-8 and placed second in state overall.



1988-89

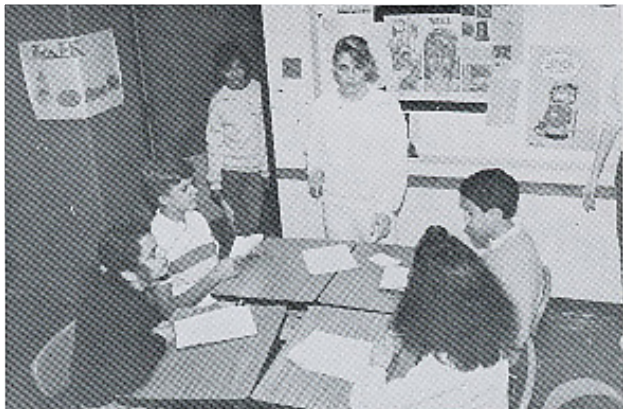
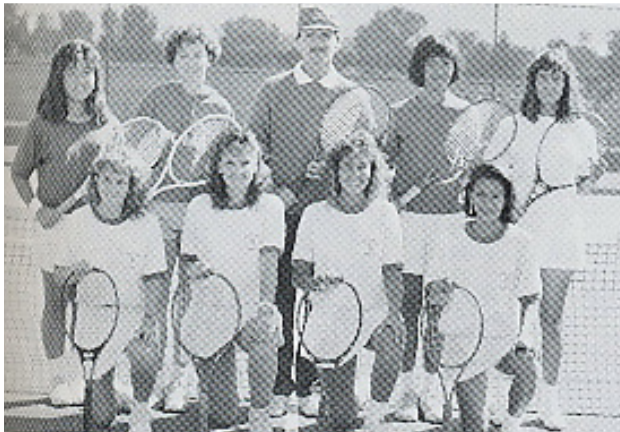
After five years of no girls' varsity tennis team, head coach Bob Farrington led the team to compete at the varsity level. They finished fourth in conference that year.

1989-90

Niles West was introduced to the enhanced ACT assessment that contained English, Math, Science Reasoning and Reading. Most West students approved of the changes.

1992-93

Physical education and health teacher Judi Sloan was the first physical education teacher to be awarded the Illinois State Teacher of the Year.



1993-94

School board member Gail Stone had the honor of cutting the ribbon to open the new science wing.

1994-95

Teachers go on strike for two weeks due to unsuccessful negotiations with administrations.

1997-98

Eleven classes were introduced to Niles West including: AP psychology, journalism, photojournalism and advanced physics. The student body also held their first annual Halloween costume contest.

1996-97

Biology teacher Ruth Gleicher wins the Outstanding New Biology Teacher Award. Additionally, the girls' softball team became co-champions in the Central Suburban League with New Trier.



half-century of milestones

- 1998-99**
Gym leaders were introduced as a part of gym classes.
- 1999-00**
The community voted on a referendum for a new wing in the school.
- 2000-01**
The varsity cheerleading team led by coach Mindy Slutzky went to Orlando, Fl, to compete at the national level.
- 2001-02**
Senior Dan Rybalko won state for diving. Also that year, West changed its mascot from the Indian to the Wolf.

- 2002-03**
Construction at Niles West brought about a new cafeteria for students.
- 2003-04**
The track and field team, led by coach Mark Egofske, won its first conference title.
- 2004-05**
The mod schedule was replaced by nine periods that are 42 minutes each. Also this year, the Literacy Center opened.



Niles West High School	
Period Schedule	
PERIOD	TIME
1	8:10 - 8:52
2	8:57 - 9:39
3	Lunch 9:44 - 10:26
Homeroom	10:31 - 10:41
4	Lunch 10:46 - 11:28
5	Lunch 11:33 - 12:15
6	Lunch 12:20 - 1:02
7	Lunch 1:07 - 1:49
8	1:54 - 2:36
9	2:41 - 3:23

Early Bird Schedule A = 7:20 - 8:02
Early Bird Schedule B = 7:11 - 7:53

- 2005-06**
The ID swipe system was introduced to students.



- 2006-07**
District 219 was awarded by the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education as the number one fine arts district in the country.



- 2007-08**
Writing assignments were added to the junior/senior physical education curriculum. The writing assignment is collected from each student once per year.



- 2008-09**
Niles West celebrates the 50th anniversary of the school's opening.

