SPX College Planning Timeline Junior

August	• SPX College Visits: Counselors host college admissions reps on campus, coordinating small-group meetings so juniors and seniors can ask personalized questions and demonstrate interest. • WWKM College Fair: SPX participates in this multi-school college fairs, giving students direct access to admissions representatives to explore campus options, majors, and individual fit.
September	• Junior Parent & Student Kick Off Meeting: Counselors gather 11th graders and their parents to launch the college search season, outlining testing timelines, application expectations, and key steps to finding the right fit. • Case Studies Parent & Student Night: Counselors organize an interactive simulation where students and parents evaluate mock applications alongside college admissions officers to understand how holistic decisions are made.
September - May	• Future U Groups: Small-group, counselor-led cohort sessions focused on career assessments, major research, college search criteria, which includes finding best-fit institutions and, application materials.
October	• College Financial Aid Discussion Night: Counselors bring in financial aid experts to guide families through the FAFSA, CSS Profile, institutional aid, and scholarship opportunities to make higher education affordable. • PSAT: Serves as the official qualifier for the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Program during your junior year.
November	• Junior Fall Individual Meetings: One-on-one junior advising sessions to evaluate testing strategies, refine prospective college lists, and provide next steps in the college search process.
December & May	• De-Stress Lunches: Counselors create relaxed, supportive midday spaces prior to final exams, equipping students with stress-management techniques and wellness strategies.
January - March	• Junior Individual Parent Meetings: Collaborative conferences with juniors, parents, and counselors to go into a detailed understand of Future U and all of the information that has been explored as well as what it coming up. Students lead the meeting and share their thoughts about the college search and application process.
April	• College Fair: Counselors organize a college fair for students in the gym during lunch periods consisting of representatives from various colleges and universities. • ACT Testing: Allows students the opportunity to take the ACT during the school day. • Junior Spring Individual Meetings: A end-of-year junior meeting to finalize college application lists, request teacher recommendations, and assign summer application tasks.
May	• Junior Parent Meeting about College Applications: Counselors lead an in-depth parent workshop breaking down application platforms, essay requirements, recommendation workflows, and decision timelines.