# SPX College Planning Timeline
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| **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.<br>• 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.<br>• Senior Theology Classes: Counselors present information the first week of school about the college application process, letters of recommendation, and next steps for students.<br>• Individual Senior Meetings: One-on-one counseling sessions dedicated to finalizing college lists, reviewing application materials, and structuring personalized submission plans.<br>• Senior Parent Night: Counselors host an evening session for senior families detailing application workflows, submission timelines, financial aid steps, and senior-year milestones.<br>• Lunch & Learns: Counselors are conveniently available during all lunch periods to assist with college applications. |
| **September** | • College Application Deadlines: Counselors track submission benchmarks, ensuring student transcripts, counselor recommendations, and application materials are sent accurately and on time. There are 3 application deadlines: September, October, November. |
| **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. |
| **December & May** | • De-Stress Lunches: Counselors create relaxed, supportive midday spaces prior to final exams, equipping students with stress-management techniques and wellness strategies. |
| **April** | • College Fair: Counselors organize a college fair for students in the gym during lunch periods consisting of representatives from various colleges and universities.<br>• Going Off to College Lesson: Counselors deliver practical transition workshops for seniors on campus navigation, academic self-advocacy, dorm life, and personal safety.<br>• End of Year Individual Senior Meeting: A good bye meeting to check in on any last minute college details for housing, transcripts and transition out of high school concerns.<br>• Senior Parent Wellness Meeting: Counselors offer a presentation by people who currently work in college student life to senior parents to discuss the emotional and practical transition of guiding their child into college and young adulthood. |
| **All Year** | • Availability: Counselors maintain open office hours and flexible drop-in times for ongoing academic advising, personal support, and personalized college guidance whenever students need assistance. |