SPX College Planning Timeline
Freshman

August	• Orientation: Introductions of Counselors • Camp Golden Lion: Opportunity to meet new people and have fun • Freshman Theology Classes: Counselors visit classes to introduce college and career exploration tools, guide self-reflection, talk through the value of a 4 year plan and play the High School Success game to set long-term academic goals. • High School 101 Parent Night: Counselors introduce the ins and outs of how high school works
September - October	• Individual Counseling Meetings: Counselors meet one-on-one with every freshman to start the personal relationship, check on their transition to high school, which could include sports, arts, clubs, ministry, as well as address any questions about being at SPX.
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. • 9th grade Parent Night: Counselors present to freshman parents, providing insights into high school expectations, four-year planning, and supporting student success from day one. • PSAT: Taking the PSAT provides a low-stress trial run for the SAT,and identifies academic, strengths and weaknesses
November & March	• Life Choices: A three-part counselor-led classroom series covering wellness, academic transition, GPA strategy, and HOPE scholarship eligibility to keep students on track for college.
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. • Pre-ACT Testing: Provides 9th and 10th-grade students with a low-stress trial run for the actual ACT. It helps students familiarize themselves with the exam layout and question formats, pinpoints specific academic strengths and areas for improvement, and offers valuable insights fortest preparation strategies.
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.