

Fels Family Newsletter



Welcome to our Monthly Edition!

Welcome to the new edition of the **Fels Family** newsletter! Each month, we share key dates, celebrate student wins, and provide resources to support your child's success. It has been an incredible month of growth at Fels! Reminder, all links are **red**, please click for more information.

Parent/Guardian Survey

Spring has arrived, and that means it's time for our annual Philly School Experience Survey (PSES) philasd.org/parentsurvey! Your feedback is essential. It helps us improve how we communicate with you and allows us to track our progress in making Samuel Fels High School a safer, more welcoming environment for every student. Rewards will be shared at a later date.

Fels Essentials

Everything you need to know about our daily operations and expectations to help your student succeed at Fels.

- **Attendance:** If your child will be absent, please FelsAttendance@Philasd.org or submit absent notes to the main
- **School Uniform:**
 - Tops: white, black, gray collared polo shirt or Fels gear

- Bottoms: Black bottoms only, black knee-length skirts & shorts are permitted
- Black pants NO RIPS, no ski mask
- School spirit outfits and sports uniforms are allowed
- **Communication:** Our primary way of reaching you is through the number and email on file in SIS. We frequently add information to our [Instagram Page](#), follow us! Please ensure your contact info is up to date in SIS.

Parent & Family University (PFU)



PFU offers **free, in-person and virtual courses** designed to engage families as equal partners in learning. Sessions are led by District staff and community partners, and cover four main content pillars:

- **Student Attendance & Joy:** Supports and resources designed to increase attendance and joy in school.
- **Health & Wellness:** Supports and resources to promote physical, mental, and social-emotional health.
- **Civic Engagement:** Supports and resources to encourage community service and civic participation.
- **Financial Literacy:** Adult learning around money management and family earning potential.

All courses are **free and open to the public**, with **childcare, meals, giveaways, and translation services available**. Check out the options – **there's something for everyone!**

Website: philasd.org/pfu

Important Dates

April [Monthly Calendar](#) [Sophomore Calendar](#) [Senior Calendar](#) [Fels Athletic Calendar](#)

1st-2nd:	Spring Recess; Schools closed for students and staff
3rd:	Good Friday; School closed for students and staff; Administrative offices closed
9th- 10th:	Report Card Conferences (Half Day); Three Hour Early Dismissal for Students
10th:	ESOL Senior Project Fair (Library) starting 4th period
13th:	Orleans Technical Trip (Ms. VP trip lead)
13th:	10th Grade Town Hall
14th:	12th Grade Town Hall
14th:	F.R.E.S.H. Zoo trip and Lunch on Us (email sent to all winners)
15th:	9GA Town Hall
16th:	11th Grade Town Hall
17th:	Staff PD(Half Day); Three Hour Early Dismissal for Students
22nd-23rd:	Earth Day Celebration in science classes
24th:	Senior Brunch with Oasis in Cafeteria
24th:	Student Ambassador Sponsored Talent Show 11:30 to 2:30 in the auditorium

Academic Resources & Support

Support learning at home with our core digital platforms. These tools are designed to align directly with what your child is learning in class and help them "Evo/ve" their skills.

- **Lexia (Literacy):** A personalized reading program that helps students build phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension skills at their own pace.
- **IXL (Math):** An interactive site that provides thousands of practice problems and immediate feedback to help students master grade-level concepts.
- **Illustrative Math Family Support Hub-** The Imagine Learning EL Education Family & Caregiver Support Hub is designed to provide valuable resources tailored to enhance every family's engagement in their student's learning journey.
- **Illustrative Math English Learners Education Family Support Hub-** The Family Support Hub is a one-stop destination for parents and guardians seeking educational resources tailored to their child's Illustrative Mathematics learning journey.

Grade Band Updates

9th Grade Academy (Grade Lead: Ms. Gingalewski, agingalewski@philasd.org)

- **On-track water ice 3/27/26**

10th Grade (Grade Lead: Coach Troy, tlsanders@philasd.org)

- The 10th grade class has voted and we will be having an end of year trip May 29th to Dave and Busters. **The cost of the trip is TBD.** All money is due to Coach Troy by May 1, 2026 .

11th Grade (Grade Lead: Mrs. Egbert, sehsoll@philasd.org)

- The Junior Prom is on May 1, 2026: The cost for 1 ticket is \$50, and 2 for \$80. The theme is Starry Night. All money is due to the 11th-grade team by Apr 24, 2026 . Tickets will be distributed the week of Prom.
- Join us this May for the **Junior Yard Social!** Class of 2027 students will enjoy an afternoon of music, board games, food, and outside fun in the courtyard to celebrate a successful year. More information is forthcoming.
- Join us this June for the Junior Sunset Social, celebrating the Class of 2027 as our Rising Seniors! We'll enjoy a Field Day BBQ, sign our 2027 Legacy Banner, and capture our official class photo to kick off our final year at Fels. More information is forthcoming.

12th Grade (Grade Sponsor: Ms. Brown, moabrown@philasd.org)

- No new news

Our focus on **Focus, Relationship, Evolve, Self-Awareness, and Hope/Honesty, and Focus** continues!

Students are encouraged to earn all **20 points daily** (5 points per class). Remember, those points will be the "currency" for our F.R.E.S.H. PBIS Store which opened last month! Our inventory includes snacks, daily essentials, high-end supplies, and Fels Swag (20–500 pts), plus premium apparel from Nike, AirPods & Lululemon.

- **Focus:** Tunnel Vision for Your Success
- **Relationship:** Form Meaningful Relationships
- **Evolve:** Grow 1% each day
- **Self-Awareness:** Learn Yourself!
- **Hope/Honesty:** Keep Your Hope Alive



April F.R.E.S.H. Event

- **Date:** May
- **Theme:** Panther Picnic Period
- **Points criteria:** 200

Building Our Fels Family

We believe that when schools and families partner together, students thrive. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events:

Quarter 3 Report Card Conferences and Spring Title 1 Parent Session

Your voice is essential in your child's education. Please join us to discuss your student's progress, STAR data, and goals for the next term. *On April 9th at noon, we will have a catered lunch for all attendees.*

- **Thursday, April 9th** at 12:00 - 2:30pm & 4:00 - 6:00pm (Evening Session)
- **Friday, April 10th** at 12:00 - 2:30pm

Contact Us

Have questions? We are here to help!

- Front Office: 215-400-7100
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Let's continue to be BETTER THAN YESTERDAY!