

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. **Our goal is 19% of families completing the survey. We are currently at 6.35%**

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

Join the Community Health & Help Expo!

We are excited to share a fantastic opportunity for our school community. On June 20, 2026, the **Coalition of Non-Profits** is hosting a massive Community Expo at the Convention Center. This free, all-inclusive event brings together over 300 healthcare providers, employers, and educators to provide the tools our families need to thrive. Whether you are looking for health resources, job leads, or disability support, this welcoming event is designed to help every member of our community move forward together.

ACTION: Register [here](#) and download the event flyer [here](#).

Important Dates

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

4th-8th: Arts Week
5th: 9GA trip to see 1776 Musical
5th: "How to Pay for College" event from 10:30 to 12:00 in the auditorium
6th: 4th Quarter Late work due by 10 P.M.
6th: Ice Cream Truck: 9GA Firmly On-Track Interim Treat at 1pm

7th:	Fels Annual Visual Art Show at 1:15pm
8th:	Keystone F.R.E.S.H. Rally for 9th and 10th grade students
8th:	Senior Project Presentations in afternoon
8th:	Staff PD (Half Day); Three Hour Early Dismissal for Students
11th:	PBIS Picnic, 2nd half of 3rd period to 2pm
12th:	12th Grade to trip to see "Michael"
12th & 14th:	Student Well Being Survey
12th-21st:	Keystones Testing - Modified Schedule
14th:	Parent Appreciation BBQ Luncheon at noon in the Panther Gardens
18th:	Star Growth Celebration 4th period in the cafeteria
19th:	Election Day; Schools closed for students and staff
22nd:	Senior Trip to Pocono Valley
22nd:	Student ambassador-sponsored outdoor Tea Party
25th:	Memorial Day; School closed for students and staff; Administrative offices closed
27th:	Eid al-Adha; School closed for students and staff; Administrative offices closed
29th:	12th Grade Prom

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)

- Field Trip to see *1776: the Musical* - May 5
- Student On-Track Event: Ice Cream Truck - May 6

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

- No new news

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

- Junior Kickback BBQ - May 28th

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

- Senior Projects Due- May 1st
- Senior Project Presentations- May 8th
- Senior Trip to Pocono Valley- May 22nd
- Senior Prom- May 29th

F.R.E.S.H. PBIS

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 11, 2026
- **Theme:** Panther Picnic Period
- **Points criteria:** 200

May F.R.E.S.H. Event

- **Date:** June TBD
- **Theme:** Panther Sweet Beasts Games
- **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:

Parent Appreciation Luncheon and SAC meeting

- May 14th at 12pm
 - Good food, great music, and the best parents around. Nothing says "thank you" like a backyard-style BBQ. Please join us on May 14th at noon so we can treat you to a relaxed lunch in honor of all your hard work and support this year. Save the date and get ready for some world-class BBQ!

Contact Us

Have questions? We are here to help!

- Front Office: 215-400-7100
- Website: <https://fels.philasd.org>

- **Admin Team**
 - Principal Rasper - mjrasper@philasd.org
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 - AP Johnson (10th Grade) - cjohnson6@philasd.org
 - AP Bolds (11th Grade) - dbolds2@philasd.org
 - AP Ryan (12th Grade) - spryan@philasd.org

Let's continue to be BETTER THAN YESTERDAY!