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# Christmas Season Brings Happiness

by Chris Bevis

It is December, the ground is white, Christmas is near, and the holiday spirits are running full power. It just so happens that every year 'round this time there are to many people bein' nice. Wait a minute; didn't that last sentence sound kind of stupid.

For eleven months out of the year, Americans complain that there is too much crime and anger in our society. And now, the one month out of the year that we all become friends and rejoice in the holiday times, someone just has to b—— and complain. Is there anything that will satisfy the pessimists of our society.

The reasoning for these complaints is the so-called hypocrisy of the holidays. Why should it matter why people are being nice if the end result is more merry and peppy community? The truth is that the holidays gives people a reason to be happy that they lacked the rest of the year.

People do not want to be nice. They have to have a reason and without this predestined goal, the effort it takes to be nice is too insurmountable to even be rendered a minute possibility.

But we have a solution; Christmas. For those who decide to take part is this festive time, the result is

monumental. We have found a cause, unlike all the others, that people are willing to join together for. Wouldn't it be a bluciferous idea to have Christmas four times a year. This would account for the needed time between holidays to relax one's 'nice' muscles and then prepare for the next.

There would also be a defined reason for people to get along in the hope for material gifts from loved ones. Or maybe everyone could just stay in the spirit all year long and have happiness 12 months straight. Hey—Merry Christmas Everybody.

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## What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is on it's way and the students of HHS have different perceptions of what Christmas means to them. Two students from each class stated what Christmas means to them.

### Freshman

Nick Kuppert: Being with family, and friends. Not having to go to school, and doing nothing all day.

Brandy Byron: Means being with family, and friends. Giving, and receiving gifts, and most of all getting out of school for Christmas break.

### Sophomore

Matt Denbow: Spending time with friends, and family, getting presents, and partying.

Janell Duncan: Means spending time with friends, and family. Giving, and Receiving of gifts. The remembrance of Jesus' birth.

### Juniors

Erik Moss: It means being with your friends. But it is also just another day of living. It's a happy time for many.



Julie Walker: It means being with your family, and friend. The giving and receiving of gifts.

### Seniors

Jedd Harper: Christmas is a time of happiness. When family's come together to give, and share gifts. It also means New Years, which means Parties.

Ashley Mahan: Christmas is a special time where everybody comes together, and shares their happiness, and gives lots of gifts. Everyone especially enjoys getting out on break! For the Seniors it's even better, because it's our LAST Christmas at this place.

## *My New Year's Resolution is ...*

*by Nick King and Becca Willis*

- Kyle Herring: *To kill Mr. Prendergast!*  
Steven Davis: *To continue successfully cheating.*  
Joe Angelly: *To smash more stuff!*  
Adam Speaks: *Clothe the children with no shoes on their feet.*  
Erin Watson: *To do better in all that I do.*  
Jared Sperling: *To be a better person.*  
Natalie Stevens: *To stop procrastinating.*  
Brandon Pickford: *To give more.*  
Alicia Kemp- *To get all of my relationship problems solved.*  
Julie Trammel- *I want to learn how to waltz.*  
Hannah Simmons- *To become a better person.*  
Misti Neighbors- *To make better grades.*  
Arron McCarty- *To be nice to everyone.*  
Luke Hali- *To work harder.*  
Jonathan Reedy- *To get to my real home.*  
Derek Feazel- *To get 300 lbs. squat before we max up.*  
Vanessa Smith- *To have good relationship with my boyfriend.*  
Katie Banks- *To go repelling on a mountain instead of off a pool slide.*  
Amy Bowers- *To keep my mouth shut and to get a certain person to like me.*  
Amy Renshaw- *To not get suspended again.*  
Nathan Ferral- *To pay more attention in Mr. Kerly's class.*  
James Walker- *To stay alive.*  
Eli Nelson- *To eat food lower in fat.*  
Jonathan Steinsults- *To go to the bathroom before I run in 7th hour.*