

# AUTISM NEWS NETWORK

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## What's happening this month

3d holiday party-Thursday  
Dec.26, Friday Dec. 27 North  
Charleston Marriott

Holiday Festival of Lights-  
Dec.31 James Island County  
Park

## Bullying and acceptance



Many people with autism have been bullied, even me. But people like me never did anything wrong to deserve the bullying. The reason people with Autism get bullied is because they are different from other people. Their brains just work differently. It doesn't make them any less important. If bullying continues like this, Autistic people might not even want to go to school. Girls and boys with autism should be accepted for who they are. I was accepted in high school and I had 2 people to help me out and I could talk to them. It felt good knowing I had friends to talk to and eat lunch with. I just hope it will be like that in college.



## Best things about Christmas

- Hot chocolate
- Presents
- Snow
- Seeing Santa
- The Light Show
- Waking up and opening presents
- Spending time with family
- Eating Christmas dinner
- Candy
- Cookies



## Christmas Time!



Christmas is just around the corner, and we are eager to start opening presents. But we mustn't forget about the people that do not have anything. Some of them spend it alone, or maybe they have no one that cares about them.

We are very lucky to have friends and loved ones. Some of the best things about this holiday are being with family, opening presents, and talking about past Christmases. Many families have traditions that they follow every year. My family's tradition is this: we go to church on Christmas Eve, go home, eat spaghetti, get new pajamas, and then we go to bed. The next day, we wake up and open our presents and then everyone comes over and we eat breakfast. The day after, we go to my nanny's house and eat lunch. Then we open presents. then we play the pickle game, which is so fun. I love this festive time of year.

