

# Holiday Traditions with Panthers Players

## Travelle Wharton

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Just every time I get to spend quality time with my family, every year. Last year was great because my family and my wife's family came together and it was very special.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

My dad got me a go-cart when I was little. Totally surprised me, he told me to look out the back door and there it was. It was very cold outside but still had to go out and ride because I was so excited.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

I got my daughters a Barbie car and they loved it.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

All I want is to spend time with my family. Hopefully get everyone over to my house and just spend time together. Watching my kids open some presents and being with my family.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Christmas Story.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Fried turkey and macaroni n cheese.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

My kids get to open one gift on Christmas Eve.

### **White lights or colored?**

White lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Neither!

### **New Year's resolution?**

To have fun all year and enjoy my family.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Silent Night by The Temptations.

## Lee Ziemba

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

My family went to my grandmothers one Christmas and my cousins and I started playing around and rough-housing and I ended up falling in to the Christmas tree and completely ruining the tree. It turned in to a big joke and has always been something we look back on and laugh about.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

Jesus Christ.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

It's this year's gift to my sister, she is studying abroad in London and I am sending her some pounds for some spending money.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

A new jacket.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

A Christmas Story, we watch it every year together as a family.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

My mom's ham and mustard green casserole.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

My dad takes it upon himself to make these corn flake and marshmallow hollies and dyes them green and adds little red hots so it looks like a wreath. He does it every year and it's his thing.

### **White lights or colored?**

Big colored lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

### **New Year's resolution?**

Keep striving to become a better person.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Silent Night.

## Byron Bell

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Last year I got to spend Christmas with my girlfriend's family. I thought that was pretty cool. I had never spent Christmas away from my family. I spent Christmas with them and skype with my mom and everyone and we had one big family Christmas.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

By far from my mom a box of 63 wrestlers. The real big WWF before it turned to WWE. I used to watch a lot of wrestling and that was by far the best gift.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

I bought my little brothers a back pack. They wanted new back packs and they told me which ones. One was a big Star Wars fan and the other was a big wrestling fan. I bought one of them a Star Wars bag and one a wrestling one and filled it up with a lot of goodies. I was always broke in college so I saved up \$100 and gave them \$100 apiece.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

The Santa Clause.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Broccoli & rice cheese casserole.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Eating and sleeping.

### **White lights or colored?**

Colored lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Sweet potato pie.

### **New Year's resolution?**

Becoming a better football player for the next season.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.

## Ryan Kalil

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

My dad dressing up as Santa one year.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

When I was a kid, I used to collect the ninja turtle toys and I had everything but the van. I really wanted the van and my mom and dad got me the van.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

Probably carrying on the family tradition like my dad did: dressing up as Santa. I did it for some family friends and their kids. They really got a kick out of it. It's easy to be a hefty guy and play the Santa Claus role.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

If he could bring us victory that would be a good gift.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Planes, Trains & Automobiles.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Big pumpkin pie fan with whip crème. It doesn't matter what comes before that as long as the pumpkin pie is there.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Just the tree and the lights is a must. I'll never do a fake tree as long as I live. It will never happen. Even if for whatever reason trees are banned from being sold on Christmas. I'll start growing them myself. It's just not the same. They don't have the same smell.

### **White lights or colored?**

White. I like clean and classic look.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

### **New Year's resolution?**

I don't have any.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Anything with Michael McDonald singing it.



## Charles Johnson

### *What is your favorite holiday memory?*

Getting my first pair of Jordan's.

### *What is the best gift you ever received?*

My first Car- an old school '86 Regal.

### *What is the best gift you have ever given?*

Probably a Louis Vuitton Purse to my mom.

### *Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?*

A new Mac computer or the Mac desktop.

### *Favorite holiday movie?*

The Christmas Story.

### *Favorite holiday dish?*

I like turkey and all but my people grill out ribs, quail and some chicken.

### *Favorite holiday tradition?*

Spending time with family. I haven't been home in a while.

### *White lights or colored?*

Colored lights.

### *Fudge or Pumpkin pie?*

Fudge.

### *New Year's resolution?*

Always do better than I did last year.

### *Favorite Christmas carol?*

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

## Greg Hardy

### *What is your favorite holiday memory?*

The holiday I got paid.

### *What is the best gift you ever received?*

My girlfriend has got me this big blow up shark and it flew. It was a flying blow up shark. It was inflatable and it had fins on the back that you could control.

### *What is the best gift you have ever given?*

Gave my mom a house.

### *Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?*

10 sacks.

### *Favorite holiday movie?*

Elf.

### *Favorite holiday dish?*

I'm not a turkey man. I do like when we get the beef brisket or beef ribs.

### *Favorite holiday tradition?*

We go to St. Louis every year with the family.

### *White lights or colored?*

Colored.

### *Fudge or Pumpkin pie?*

Fudge.

### *New Year's resolution?*

Lose 20 pounds.

### *Favorite Christmas carol?*

Jingle Bell Rock.

## Charles Godfrey

### *What is your favorite holiday memory?*

Getting my first bike on Christmas.

### *What is the best gift you ever received?*

My Nintendo.

### *What is the best gift you have ever given?*

My mom a car.

### *Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?*

A couple of wins.

### *Favorite holiday movie?*

The Christmas Story.

### *Favorite holiday dish?*

Fried turkey.

### *Favorite holiday tradition?*

Family dinner on Christmas or Thanksgiving.

### *White lights or colored?*

White lights.

### *Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?*

Pumpkin pie.

### *New Year's resolution?*

Get better and be a better man for the upcoming year.

## Jordan Gross

### *What is your favorite holiday memory?*

Last year, my son getting the scooter he wanted and riding around in the driveway.

### *What is the best gift you ever received?*

I got a mountain bike when I was in fourth grade. It was snowing and the streets were covered in snow and I went out and rode for an hour it and wrecked.

### *What is the best gift you have ever given?*

My wife and I got engaged on Christmas, so I gave her a ring.

### *Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?*

I need a new travel bag for our away games. The wheels broke on my regular one.

### *Favorite holiday movie?*

Christmas Vacation.

### *Favorite holiday dish?*

We always have these croissants from Williams Sonoma on Christmas morning. They are delicious.

### *Favorite holiday tradition?*

The croissants on Christmas morning.

### *White lights or colored?*

Both. I would get a Christmas castle right now.

### *Fudge or Pumpkin pie?*

Fudge.

### *New Year's resolution?*

Win the division.

### *Favorite Christmas carol?*

Jingle Bell Rock.



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## Geoff Hangartner

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

When my mom almost caught my house on fire on Thanksgiving and the fire trucks all showed up at my condo complex here in Charlotte.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

On Christmas one year when I was a kid I got the MC Hammer and Vanilla Ice tapes on the same Christmas.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

It will happen in the future.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I really had my eye on a sky caddy. It's a golf GPS range finder device. It tells you how far it is to the nearest bunker and how far it is from the front of the green to the back of the green. It gives you a lot of information on how far you are on a golf course.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

The Christmas Story.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

It's got to be cornbread dressing.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

I really enjoy going to the movies with my family on Christmas afternoon or evening.

### **White lights or colored?**

White lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin Pie a la mode.

### **New Year's resolution?**

To be more like Jeremy Shockey.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

I like it when you go to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas and they sing Silent Night with the candles.

## Eric Norwood

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Christmas I got my bunk bed when I was 20 years old.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

Scholarship.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

I got my mom a picture of my grandma for her birthday.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Maybe a new car.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Menace to Society.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Sweet potato pie.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Play the new Modern Warfare video game.

### **White lights or colored?**

White lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Sweet potato pie.

## Armanti Edwards

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

The only thing I can think of is when I was a little kid, getting a brand new bike.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

I was a big video game person too, so I got about two or three video games one Christmas.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I'm into shoes, so some new kicks.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

I like Four Christmases.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

We usually have a big dinner, so ham would probably be my favorite.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

We used to have a family reunion. We'd all get together and have our Christmas dinner together.

### **White lights or colored?**

White lights.

### **Fudge or Pumpkin pie?**

Fudge.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

This Christmas.

## J.J. Jansen

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Waking up early with my dad around 4 or 5 in the morning and sneaking down with him to check out all the gifts that Santa had brought.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

It wasn't a gift per se, but when Santa came to fix my favorite stuffed bear that I had ripped the eye out of and I left it under the tree and sure enough, he came during the night and fixed it.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

I'm hoping this year will be the best gift I've ever given someone [my wife shhh].

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I really don't need much. Just being with my wife is good for me.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Home Alone.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Beef Wellington right before Midnight Mass!

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

I like sneaking down when my wife or guests are sleeping and put in a few extra little gifts into the stockings so that they are really surprised in the morning.

### **White lights or colored?**

Colored lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

### **New Year's resolution?**

Don't have one yet and try not to wait till the New Year to try to better myself.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Frosty the Snowman.

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## Captain Munneryn

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

When my mom surprised me and got me this big ol' Jeep truck that I wanted. I was a little kid, and it was a little play truck, but I could ride around in it. I didn't think she had it, but she surprised me and got it. I think I cried.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

That Jeep.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

I give a lot of gifts, especially with me being in the NFL. I think getting my mom a new car when I got in the NFL, I think that was a pretty good gift.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Probably some earrings or something.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Home Alone.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Dressing. We make dressing for everything, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

It's just being around family and just exchanging gifts. That's a tradition that my family and I have. We just pick a name and get a person the gift.

### **White lights or colored?**

Colored.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

### **New Year's resolution?**

Not yet.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

## Josh Thomas

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

I have eight brothers and sisters so when I was a little boy, any time we all got to open presents together was very special to me.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

A ninja turtle birthday cake.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

A pendant for my mother.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Nope, just a peaceful happy Christmas for every body.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Home Alone.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Ham with honey.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Making homemade apple cider with my grandma with the fire going.

### **White lights or colored?**

White lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

### **New Year's resolution?**

Become an impact player in NFL.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Chestnuts Roasting On an Open Fire [The Christmas Song].

## James Anderson

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

When I was around 10 or 11 years old, we didn't have any video games and we got a Super Nintendo so all my brothers and I did was play that all day. It was great.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

I've received so many great gifts, I can't decide.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

I think all the gifts I've given have been great, unless they have returned them without telling me.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Nothing, I'm pleasantly satisfied with what I got.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Sweet potato pie.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

I have two, Opening gifts with everyone and the whole process, and we always used to get egg nog!

### **White lights or colored?**

Growing up we had white lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Neither, I'm going strawberry pie!

### **New Year's resolution?**

To be a better person.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Jingle Bells.

## Kealoha Pilares

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Just spending time with the family. That would be the best thing. Just the Christmas spirit, being at home with the family and just being thankful for everything.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

I don't know if it was a Christmas gift, but around Christmas, my mom and dad got me a car.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

That would probably have to be to my girlfriend. Probably a camera or something. She loves taking pictures so that means a lot to her.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I'm just excited to do shopping for my family. I wasn't really a person who was into buying gifts because in college, you never have money to buy gifts. This year, there will be a little more money to buy gifts, so that's what I'm looking forward to.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Elf.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

My dad makes all kinds of Hawaiian foods, so that's usually our Christmas dinner back at home. Being away from home, I'm going to definitely miss that.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Going around with my nieces and nephews, seeing the lights in the city. Just being with them, that would probably have to be the best. Definitely going to miss it this year.

### **White lights or colored?**

White.

### **Fudge or Pumpkin pie?**

Fudge.

### **New Year's resolution?**

Just to keep growing. Keep getting better as a football player and as a person.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

I don't really have one.

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Thomas Davis

Mackenzey Bernadeau

**What is your favorite holiday memory?**

It's always Christmas with the family, just waking up as a kid. Just knowing you are going to get presents.

**What is the best gift you ever received?**

An iPod when it first came out. It was an iPod Nano. I was training for football and it was just one of those things that helped me get hyped up.

**What is the best gift you have ever given?**

I bought an iPad 2 for my sister.

**Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I'm blessed, Santa has given me enough.

**Favorite holiday movie?**

The Santa Clause.

**Favorite holiday dish?**

Haitian food. My family is Haitian, so we have a lot of fried plantains, fried pork, brown rice.

**Favorite holiday tradition?**

When I was a kid, all of the kids used to cook breakfast for the parents.

**White lights or colored?**

Colored lights for sure.

**Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Cheesecake.

**Favorite Christmas carol?**

So This is Christmas by John Lennon.

Legedu Naanee

**What is your favorite holiday memory?**

One time, my brother and I opened all the gifts up three days before Christmas and tried to rewrap them. My mom found out, and we got caught.

**What is the best gift you ever received?**

I haven't got that yet.

**What is the best gift you have ever given?**

My rookie year, I bought my dad a trip to go back to Nigeria.

**Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I don't have anything for this year.

**Favorite holiday movie?**

I'm not a big movie guy. I like holiday music.

**Favorite holiday dish?**

Turkey.

**Favorite holiday tradition?**

Being able to come home and see the tree all set up, smelling good.

**White lights or colored?**

White.

**Fudge or Pumpkin pie?**

Fudge.

**New Year's resolution?**

To have a better year than I had this year, life-wise.

**Favorite Christmas carol?**

Jingle Bells.

Thomas Keiser

**What is your favorite holiday memory?**

I don't know if I have one specific memory, but just any time I get to spend with my family and extended family is a good time for me.

**What is the best gift you ever received?**

It would be a Christmas gift I got during college. It was a trip that my dad got for my brother, himself, and me to go to Alaska. We went fishing and went all over Alaska.

**Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Either another Alaska trip or an iPad.

**Favorite holiday movie?**

Definitely Elf.

**Favorite holiday dish?**

If this counts, I would say we have the Italian tradition of seafood and pasta the night before.

**Favorite holiday tradition?**

One that my family and I have been doing for the past few Thanksgivings or Christmases was going bird hunting around the holidays. That was always fun to go out with some of my siblings and my dad.

**White lights or colored?**

When I was little, I was a huge fan of colored lights and I tried to convince my parents to put up as many as possible.

**Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

**New Year's resolution?**

Finish my degree.

**Favorite Christmas carol?**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.

**What is your favorite holiday memory?**

My favorite holiday memory was probably my first Christmas at home with my kids.

**What is the best gift you ever received?**

It probably all ties together. I had a lot of great Christmases coming up as a young kid and some not so great Christmases. I wanted a Sega Genesis, so I got a Sega Genesis, a TV and a Miami Hurricanes Jersey – a Starter Hoodie.

**What is the best gift you have ever given?**

Probably some of the gifts we give out to the kids through my foundation, the Thomas Davis Foundation. That's probably the greatest thing that I can do – give back to the community.

**Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I told my wife that I want Santa to bring me this recliner that is actually is like a massager all in one. Hopefully, Santa can make that happen for me.

**Favorite holiday movie?**

The Christmas Story.

**Favorite holiday dish?**

I have a meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas that I always have to have – macaroni and cheese, collard greens, dressing, Honey Baked ham and fried chicken.

**Favorite holiday tradition?**

Christmas now, we developed this tradition where we all get up at the same time and rush down to the Christmas tree to see what Santa has brought. We just thought of this thing called the Elf on the Shelf that they love to do. Whenever I'm able to spend time with my family, it's always exciting.

**White lights or colored?**

White icicle lights.

**Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

**New Year's resolution?**

Go into the 2012 season completely healthy.

**Favorite Christmas carol?**

Silent Night.



## Richie Brockel

### *What is your favorite holiday memory?*

On Christmas Eve, driving around with the family, looking at Christmas lights in different displays around town in Phoenix. We did that every year.

### *What is the best gift you ever received?*

The best gift I ever got was a trampoline when I was younger. That was pretty sweet.

### *Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?*

New flannel shirt.

### *Favorite holiday movie?*

Home Alone 2.

### *Favorite holiday dish?*

Lamb.

### *Favorite holiday tradition?*

Going out and looking at Christmas lights.

### *White lights or colored?*

Colored lights.

### *Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?*

Pumpkin pie.

### *Favorite Christmas carol?*

Jingle Bells.

## Jason Baker

### *What is your favorite holiday memory?*

When I was young, being a Catholic family, we would often do Midnight Mass. We would do Christmas at my Grandma Baker's house, then go to Midnight Mass, then try and catch Santa Claus come into the house after mass. Then we would go over to my other grandma's house the next day and hoping I got Legos of some fashion.

### *What is the best gift you ever received?*

Legos.

### *What is the best gift you have ever given?*

I got my dad a truck a couple years ago. He probably liked that one.

### *Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?*

More wins.

### *Favorite holiday movie?*

All of the Charlie Brown Movies are pretty good. Home Alone has become sort of a cult Christmas movie. I like that. I think the best one is a Christmas Story.

### *Favorite holiday dish?*

Corn casserole. I'm from Indiana. We put corn on everything.

### *White lights or colored?*

I like them both, but we generally do both.

### *Fudge or Pumpkin pie?*

I'm not a big fudge person, so pumpkin pie, but I'd probably take apple pie over pumpkin pie.

### *Favorite Christmas carol?*

Silent Night.

## Ben Hartsock

### *What is your favorite holiday memory?*

The year I got a paintball gun and my younger sister volunteered to run across the field and let us shoot at her.

### *What is the best gift you ever received?*

A boom box with a black and white TV in it. I wanted it bad, and I didn't think I was going to get it.

### *What is the best gift you have ever given?*

I gave my wife a vacuum cleaner and she loved it.

### *Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?*

I'm a big fan of strange foods. I always like people to get things I wouldn't get for myself so I always like gifts of strange food items like elk jerky or special steaks.

### *Favorite holiday movie?*

Christmas Vacation.

### *Favorite holiday dish?*

My mom's monkey bread. It's like yeast rolls that you mix with brown sugar and butter.

### *Favorite holiday tradition?*

As a kid, it was Christmas Eve services at church.

### *White lights or colored?*

Colored lights.

### *Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?*

Pumpkin pie.

### *Favorite Christmas carol?*

Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire [The Christmas Song].

## Omar Gaither

### *What is your favorite holiday memory?*

I was about 12 years old, and my mom got us a Sega Genesis. I became the best player in the world at Mortal Kombat II.

### *What is the best gift you ever received?*

Best gift was probably a radio my mom and dad got me. I was like 13 or 14.

### *What is the best gift you have ever given?*

An engagement ring.

### *Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?*

Wins.

### *Favorite holiday movie?*

Home Alone. All of them.

### *Favorite holiday dish?*

Dressing.

### *Favorite holiday tradition?*

Don't really have one.

### *White lights or colored?*

White. I don't like colored lights.

### *Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?*

Pumpkin pie.

### *New Year's resolution?*

To not have to have a New Year's resolution.

### *Favorite Christmas carol?*

Noel.

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## Jordan Pugh

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Whenever we put the Christmas tree up, my dad always plays this old album he has, Luther Vandross.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

I remember one time when I was little, I got an Elvis guitar set. I remember I played that about a month straight.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

Last year, I gave my sister a three month gift card for gas in her car.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

All I want for Christmas is a nice watch. And I told my mom I want some socks.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Home Alone.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Greens, ham, macaroni, rolls and pecan pie.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Putting up the tree.

### **White lights or colored?**

Colored lights.

### **Fudge or Pumpkin pie?**

Fudge.

### **New Year's resolution?**

To set myself up financially and football-wise for next year, and to grow spiritually.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Silent Night.

## Derek Anderson

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

As a kid, going to my grandma's on Christmas Eve, having my family all around. On Christmas day, I would wake up at my mom's house and then going to my other grandma's on Christmas day.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

When I was a kid getting a Sega Genesis, playing Mortal Kombat and Madden.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

I try to find someone in the community that is less fortunate to help out.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Anything golf related. I think my Christmas list is pretty well spent on myself. I've got a vacation to Fiji after the season is over.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Christmas Vacation and Elf.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

My grandma makes corn and oysters. It's pretty solid.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Being with the family.

### **White lights or colored?**

White lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

My grandma makes coconut bonbons.

## Jimmy Clausen

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Just hanging out with my family on Christmas.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

My first bike.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

An iPad.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Nothing really.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Home Alone.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

I just like the caesar salad my mom makes.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Playing cards every Christmas with my family.

### **White lights or colored?**

White lights.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

I just like ice cream.

### **New Year's resolution?**

I don't know yet.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

All I Want for Christmas is You by Mariah Carey.

## Andre Neblett

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

We did Christmas with my aunt down in Jacksonville. We all had a Christmas stocking. I was the only one who acted like I didn't believe in Santa Claus and I got the least amount of gifts. That really made me believe in Santa Claus. They got me that year.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

Nintendo 64.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Just to enjoy this Christmas and enjoy my family.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

The Grinch - the original.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Collard Greens.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Getting with the family.

### **White lights or colored?**

Colored.

### **Fudge or Pumpkin pie?**

Fudge.

### **New Year's resolution?**

To communicate more, be more open.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Jingle Bells.

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# Holiday Traditions with Panthers Players



## Kion Wilson

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

When I turned 10 my mom bought me my first fishing rod.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

My Razor scooter.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

The gift of love.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I want a boat.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Home Alone- the trilogy.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

My mom's sweet potato pie.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Around my house, Thanksgiving there is no breakfast and you can smell the food cooking all day and dinner isn't until 8.

### **White lights or colored?**

Colored.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Neither.

### **New Year's resolution?**

To go into the off season and know what I have to come back and accomplish.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Silent Night by The Temptations.

## Darius Butler

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

The first pair of Jordans I got.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

I got a Super Nintendo. It was the first game system I got.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

A diamond necklace to a girlfriend.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

It's been a while since I had a wish list. I like to give back.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Home Alone 1.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Sweet potato pie, collard greens, mac and cheese.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

I never really had family traditions. It's usually football season and in college we were getting ready for a bowl game and now we have practice to get ready for a game.

### **White lights or colored?**

Colored.

### **Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Neither- Sweet potato pie.

### **New Year's resolution?**

Eat less junk food.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Silent Night.

## Dan Connor

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Probably playing football in the snow with my brothers when I was younger.

### **What is the best gift you ever received?**

A Charlotte Hornets Starter jacket.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

I got my wife an iPhone.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Some wins.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

Christmas Vacation.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Ham.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

We don't have any traditions.

### **White lights or colored?**

Colored.

### **Fudge or Pumpkin pie?**

Fudge.

### **New Year's resolution?**

To be a better person.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

## Jason Williams

### **What is your favorite holiday memory?**

I was younger and I was kind of sad because the whole month of December had gone by and we didn't have one snow flake. I woke up Christmas morning and there was snow everywhere. Chicago was covered in snow.

### **What is the best gift you have ever given?**

Bought my mom a house.

### **Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I just bought my house this past March, so maybe a hot tub to put on the deck.

### **Favorite holiday movie?**

The Nightmare Before Christmas.

### **Favorite holiday dish?**

Mom's sweet potato pie.

### **Favorite holiday tradition?**

Every year my family would always go get a real tree and decorate it.

### **White lights or colored?**

Colored.

### **Fudge or Pumpkin pie?**

Fudge.

### **New Year's resolution?**

To lose 10 pounds and get my leg back to its prime.

### **Favorite Christmas carol?**

Boyz II Men - This Christmas.

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## Sherrod Martin

**What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Anytime I can enjoy the family.

**What is the best gift you ever received?**

My first pair of Jordans.

**What is the best gift you have ever given?**

When I drew my mom a picture for Christmas in elementary school.

**Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I'd love some sour worms this year.

**Favorite holiday movie?**

Friday After Next.

**Favorite holiday dish?**

Grandma's dressing.

**Favorite holiday tradition?**

Plugging in the tree.

**White lights or colored?**

Colored lights.

**Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Neither! I'm going with my Grandmas pound cake.

**New Year's resolution?**

Get rid of my bad habits.

**Favorite Christmas carol?**

69 Boys - What You Want for Christmas.

## Chris Gamble

**What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Getting my first pair of Jordans.

**What is the best gift you ever received?**

When I got my Sega Genesis.

**What is the best gift you have ever given?**

Back when I made my mom something in elementary school.

**Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Some more wins and picks.

**Favorite holiday movie?**

Elf.

**Favorite holiday dish?**

Dressing and Honey Baked Ham.

**Favorite holiday tradition?**

Putting up the Christmas tree and decorating it.

**White lights or colored?**

Colored lights.

**Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

**New Year's resolution?**

To get to the Super Bowl.

**Favorite Christmas carol?**

Silent Night.

## Frank Kearsse

**What is your favorite holiday memory?**

I was 8-9 year old and woke up and the bike I always wanted was right there!

**What is the best gift you ever received?**

Sega Genesis.

**What is the best gift you have ever given?**

My time! I surprised my family one year and just showed up when I said I wasn't.

**Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Nothing, Santa has been great to me!

**Favorite holiday movie?**

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, the original one!

**Favorite holiday dish?**

Pineapple upside down cake.

**Favorite holiday tradition?**

The whole family putting up lights together.

**White lights or colored?**

Colored, but they got to be flashy.

**Fruitcake or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

**New Year's resolution?**

Do everything I did this year, but better.

**Favorite Christmas carol?**

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus by Michael Jackson.

## Jonathan Stewart

**What is your favorite holiday memory?**

Just hanging out with the family.

**What is the best gift you ever received?**

A keyboard.

**What is the best gift you have ever given?**

Got my mom a necklace.

**Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

Just to see another Christmas.

**Favorite holiday movie?**

Home Alone.

**Favorite holiday dish?**

Macaroni n Cheese.

**Favorite holiday tradition?**

Don't have any.

**White lights or colored?**

White lights.

**Fudge or Pumpkin pie?**

Fudge.

**New Year's resolution?**

To not have a news years resolution and to be the best person you can be every day.

**Favorite Christmas carol?**

Silent Night.

## Jon Beason

**What is the best gift you ever received?**

Sega Genesis.

**What is the best gift you have ever given?**

One time after my second year, I gave my family my own shoe. I kind of use the shoe to

symbolize my foundation, when they carried me. It was more of a sentimental thing.

**Item on your list for Santa to bring you this year?**

I wish I was playing.

**Favorite holiday movie?**

Home Alone [the first one].

**Favorite holiday dish?**

Anything my mom or my

grandma is cooking.

**Favorite holiday tradition?**

Just hanging out with the family. The last five years, being up here by myself, everyone always comes up here because we usually play. Just having family around and decorating the tree.

**White lights or colored?**

White lights.

**Fudge or Pumpkin pie?**

Pumpkin pie.

**New Year's resolution?**

To rehab and be better than I was before I got hurt.

**Favorite Christmas carol?**

James Brown - Santa Claus is Going Straight to the Ghetto.