**PACKING CHECKLIST FOR MEXICO TRIP**

\*\*Please note that the average temperature in Cuernavaca in February is between highs of 75-80°F and lows of 55-60°F, with occasional rain showers.

1. **Important documents and money**

\_\_\_\_ 2 additional copies of your passport (1 for inside your luggage, 1 to be on your person at all times)

\_\_\_\_ Estimated spending money $100-200\* (for snacks, shopping, additional dinners out, etc.) \*You can bring all cash (fresh, new bills only – Mexico is very serious about not accepting old money for exchange) or part cash, part traveler’s checks

\_\_\_\_ Debit/credit card (give prior notice to your bank, and be warned it may not be accepted everywhere and there may be steep international fees per purchase/transaction. Please check with your bank if you will need an international pin number)

\_\_\_\_ Index card to keep on your person with your address in Cuernavaca and emergency contacts/school info

\_\_\_\_ Passport (will be kept in locked safe at the school)

\_\_\_\_ Student ID

1. **Luggage** (less is better!)

\_\_\_\_ One suitcase, limited to 50 lbs., 62 inches/158 cm. (A second bag will cost an additional fee). *It is unwise to check in fragile, valuable, or perishable items as part of your baggage. Keep medical documents and medicines in your carry-on luggage. Do not take any prohibited objects onto flights)*

\_\_\_\_ One carry-on bag (optional): Total dimensions 45 inches/115 cm (something light that you wouldn’t mind carrying during layover. You could also plan to use this bag to carry water and necessities for class/excursions/town explorations.

\_\_\_\_ One small personal item is also allowed (camera, purse, laptop)

1. **Clothing**

\_\_\_\_ Comfortable walking shoes or comfortable sandals (you will be walking a lot!)

\_\_\_\_ Sandals or flip-flops

\_\_\_\_ Casual/weather appropriate clothing **(nothing see-through, skimpy, or inappropriate! You are ambassadors for our school!)**

\_\_\_\_ Bathing suit

\_\_\_\_ One nicer outfit (not too dress/formal, just clean and sharp) for our dinner out

\_\_\_\_ Light socks, underwear, and pajamas/sleepwear

\_\_\_\_ Light jacket/sweatshirt/light rain gear for evening + light scarf

\_\_\_\_ Light layers for early morning and evening

\_\_\_\_ Watch

\_\_\_\_ Small umbrella

\_\_\_\_ Hat

\_\_\_\_ Sunglasses

\_\_\_\_ Towel for swimming

1. **Toiletries** (no larger than 3 oz.)

\_\_\_\_ Bug spray (for mosquitos)

\_\_\_\_ Sunscreen (high SPF)

\_\_\_\_ Tissues (travel size)

\_\_\_\_ Band-aids and Neosporin

\_\_\_\_ Small, travel-sized shampoo/ conditioner/ toothpaste/ lotion/ bodywash/ face soap

1. **School supplies**

\_\_\_\_ One notebook and folder

\_\_\_\_ Pens/ pencils

\_\_\_\_ BHS school work

\_\_\_\_ Jump drive (memory stick) to save work done digitally

\_\_\_\_ Journal

1. **Electronics** (plugs and voltage is the same as the U.S.; be careful to bring plugs that have only 2 prongs)

\_\_\_\_ Travel alarm clock

\_\_\_\_ Camera + SD card + batteries/charger

\_\_\_\_ Any needed chargers (for phone, camera, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (IF you bring your American cell phone, please be aware that you must talk to your service provider in advance to turn on international calling and that it will be $1 or more per minute and $0.50-$1 per text)

1. **Medicines**

\_\_\_\_ Travel-sized Tylenol, anti-diarrheal, Pepto-Bismo, allergy meds (over the counter), Dramamine, eye drops if you need them.

\_\_\_\_ Chapstick with SPF

\_\_\_\_ Prescription meds (in original bottles, with copy of prescription in luggage)

\_\_\_\_ Feminine productions (as needed)

1. **Homestay**

\_\_\_\_ Gift for your host family (nothing liquid, $15-$20 max)

\_\_\_\_ A few photos/printed photos of you, friends, family, Brookline, your life)

1. **Plan rides and layovers**

\_\_\_\_ Empty water bottle (to fill behind security and to use in Mexico for filtered water only)

\_\_\_\_ Music/movies (on mp3 player)

\_\_\_\_ Leisure book/ Magazines

\_\_\_\_ Granola or protein bars under 3 oz.

\_\_\_\_ Headphone splitter (optional) so you can share music/movies on ipod with a friend

\_\_\_\_ Cash for food in airport/ on place (around $20)

1. **Optional items**

\_\_\_\_ Gum/ mints

\_\_\_\_ Small snacks like protein bars

\_\_\_\_ Pillow from home

\_\_\_\_ Purchase a phone card online so you family can call you or you can call them from school payphones