



Time to Start Pointe!

The time has come! Your Level 3 student is ready to embark upon the next big step in her ballet training. We will be starting pointe in September.

Swan Dancewear, located at 258 Haverford Avenue in Narberth, carries a variety of pointe shoe brands. You will need to go online to www.swandancewear.com to schedule a pointe shoe fitting before the first day of classes.

Pointe shoes should fit snugly without crunching the toes. When standing flat there should be no bagging in the heel. Pointe shoes should **not** fit loosely. You should not buy the shoes with the idea that your child will grow into them. A pointe shoe with “room to spare” is a pointe shoe that will rub, create blisters, make proper foot placement difficult, and make the wearer prone to injury. There are **many** brands of shoes – you should expect that your dancer will need to try on several different styles to determine the best fit.

The day of the fitting:

Your dancer will need to wear convertible tights or be prepared to purchase a pair. Along with her new shoes, your daughter will need to purchase pointe shoe ribbons and some form of toe pad. There are optional accessories that you may find helpful to have on this new endeavor but they are not mandatory. An adult will need to accompany the dancer during their fitting. In addition to getting fitted and purchasing your new pointe shoes and accessories you will learn the proper way to sew them. **Please bring your new unsewn pointe shoes, ribbon, elastic and sewing supplies (needle & thread) with you to your first pointe class on Wednesday September 16th.**

Our 2026-27 session begins Thursday, September 10th. Level 3 will be meeting 3 days a week Mondays (5:45-7:30), Wednesdays (4:00-6:00) and Fridays (4:00-5:30). Pointe class will be on Wednesdays.

Happy pointe work,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melinda Pendleton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melinda Pendleton, Director
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