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Subject: New classes

Completed my 90 days of program classes. A milestone. Of the 21 that were on the bus only 13 remain. Since then 2 more bus loads arrived so I am not the new guy anymore.

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My next month classes have increased to four. That's 8:30 to 3:30 five days a week, plus my 2-nights of class. I see a lot of homework in my future. I could drop classes, but I need them so will push though. The next three months of math will be important if I hope to get into the manufacturing class (robotics & factory machines) in time before my parole.

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The other classes are 6 months of substance abuse and six months of microsoft office apps. The rest are program classes for PTSD, veterans and finances.

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All very important to get ready for parole. A lot of guys opt out of classes and will work an easy job, work out all day, play cards and sit on the phone.

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The problem is, you can't force a person to change. If you force them into classes they become disruptions and cheat on the work anyway.

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It's a great system to prepare us for parole. Hopefully it spreads to the other prisons in the State. wdl